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Jordanian PM: State of war is behind us

Peres, Majali announce joint projects at Dead Sea talks

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DEAD SEA, Jordan

AMMAN does not feel constrained by Syria and will move ahead with quickened pace toward peace with Israel, Jordanian leaders said as Foreign Minister Shimon Peres held historic talks here yesterday on Jordanian soil.

US officials, who returned from talks in Damascus, say the Syrian leadership is "relaxed" about Israeli-Jordanian peace moves.

At the end of the trilateral talks yesterday between Peres, Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali, and US Secretary of State Warren Christopher at the shoreside hotel, the participants announced specific economic projects that could begin to make peace a reality.

Projects agreed upon ranged from opening up the area from Akaba to Eilat to third-party tourism and paving a road from Jordan to Egypt through Israel. There were suggestions yesterday that at next week's White House summit between King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, all three countries could announce a "master plan" for economic development of the Jordan Rift Valley.

"The state of war is behind," said Majali in response to a *Jerusalem Post* question. He made clear that Jordan wants to forge closer links with Israel. He called for immediately creating peace "chapter by chapter."

Peres, who flew by helicopter across the Dead Sea for the meeting, also heralded a new era. "It took us 15 minutes to fly over. It took 46 years for us to arrive at this place in time," Peres said. "I do not harbor the slightest doubt that we can overcome the hurdles, shorten the distance, and reap the benefits for all our people."

A pragmatic, can-do spirit permeated yesterday's meeting, which began with the three leaders sitting around a U-shaped table issuing opening statements in a small auditorium before aides and journalists. The meeting was rich with irony, since it coincided with the 43rd anniversary of Hussein's grandfather's assassination. King Abdullah was killed at al-Aksa Mosque in Jerusalem by Palestinian extremists after calling for reconciliation with Israel. Majali pledged

that Jordan would press for peace in Abdullah's memory.

King Hussein signaled earlier yesterday that he would not be constrained. When asked if he would sign a separate peace with Israel, he replied at a joint news conference in Amman, "The Syrian track is not as active as we are. We have taken a sovereign decision regarding the move to deal with every aspect of every problem. It is our fervent hope that at the end of this process there will be a comprehensive peace in the region."

When asked by reporters if a treaty could be ready in a month, Hussein responded, "a month would be too soon."

Majali seemed to reinforce this new emphasis on Jordan's independent road, paving the way for perhaps a broader announcement at next week's White House summit. When asked about Syria, Majali said it was "immaterial who moved first and who moved second" on the road to peace, saying there was a common goal.

Majali's remarks differed at least in tone from previous statements, forswearing a separate peace with Israel.

The joint statement of the three countries pledged broad economic links. It said the trilateral panel would "continue work on trade/finance/banking, civil aviation, tourism, and establishing a road link between the two countries. On trade, the parties agreed on the establishment of a set of principles concerning trade and commercial relationships between the two parties in the context of a peace treaty."

The statement also calls for periodic consultations between the three ministers. At the end of a joint press conference yesterday, Peres invited Majali to visit Jerusalem.

When asked by reporters if King Hussein would visit Jerusalem, Majali replied with an Arab proverb, "He who hastens a thing before its time, God will prevent him from having it. When it is ripe, it is delicious. When you eat the apple before its time, you will get a tummy cramp."

In his opening remarks yesterday, Majali mentioned the Palestinian issue, but did not dwell on it. He called for alleviating the plight of the Palestinians by addressing their "legitimate and human rights."



Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, US Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali walk outside Jordan's Dead Sea Hotel yesterday. (Elsam Kishnook)

Time has come for our families, whose roots sprang from the tent of Abraham, to invite hospitality instead of perpetuating hostility. No more hostages. We can host each other - gladly and easily.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres

These are indeed vital and critical moments which historians shall cherish and poets shall relish. They will be recorded in the annals of history in block letters, for they separate the age between peace and war, construction and destruction, and even life and death.

Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali

ing the plight of the Palestinians by addressing their "legitimate and human rights."

He did make reference to unresolved bilateral issues with Israel. In response to a question, he spoke of the need to demarcate borders and recover Jordan's water rights. At the same time, he endorsed Peres's call for joining forces to enlarge existing scarce water supplies.

At the press conference, Christopher

noted that tourism from third countries would be the most immediate and tangible sign of peace, with little difficulty. Israeli officials believe tourism packages from the US, Europe, and the Far East that would combine Israel, Jordan, and Egypt could ultimately be an economic bonanza.

US officials say the Akaba-Eilat opening is being slightly delayed as Jordan wants to ensure that tourism packages spend more than "half a day in Jordan,

while remaining only in Israel." As if to underscore the importance of tourism to Jordan, Christopher left the three-way meeting by taking a helicopter to Petra, to see its famous Nabatean ruins.

Other symbols were also in evidence yesterday. After crossing the Allenby Bridge in a bus en route to the meeting, Israeli journalists were driven past the town of Shuneh where King Abdullah hosted then foreign minister Golda Meir at his palace in the late 1940s to discuss

the prospects of reconciliation and coordination.

Israeli and Jordanian journalists shared the same press conference, which was carried on Jordanian Television. Israeli journalists also communicated freely with Israel using cellular telephones, reminding everyone how small the distance is between the two countries. Jordanians outside the hotel even joined Israelis in watching Israeli Television broadcasting events from inside the hall.

Bomb findings point to pro-Iranian involvement

INVESTIGATORS in Buenos Aires say that after inspecting the bomb material found in the rubble of Monday's blast, it is clear that a pro-Iranian group - most likely Hizbullah - was responsible for the deadly bomb which killed at least 33 people.

Investigators said the bomb weighed 100kg. Hopes of finding any more survivors among the rubble of Argentina's main Jewish community center dwindled yesterday.

Seventy-four people were still unaccounted for, according to a list distributed by Jewish groups Tuesday night. The list, based on information

from relatives and friends, was not updated yesterday.

Health Minister Alfredo Mazza, after visiting the site of the bombing, said there was little chance of finding any more survivors. "No signs have been detected to lead us to believe that there is anyone alive," he told reporters.

A Jewish spokesman, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters that community leaders agreed. "We have information that leads us to think there may be no more survivors, but we cannot say it publicly because there are many people who have lost their loved ones and still hold

hopes," he said.

Reuters reports that 37 people died in the blast. AP quoted Dr. Alberto Crescenti, head of the Emergency Medical System, as confirming 33 deaths.

An additional 157 people were injured, Crescenti said. Four were in "extremely grave condition," said Dr. Florentino Aguirre, director of the city's Clinical Hospital.

A hospital treating victims of the blast was partly evacuated yesterday because of a bomb threat, the independent DyN news agency said.

Explosives experts later blew up a briefcase found at the hospital but did

not say whether it was actually a bomb or how the threat was made.

A team of IDF rescue experts, straining to detect signs of life, combed through the debris yesterday with sophisticated listening devices, trained German shepherds and special drills and other tools. About 40 Israelis, including some Mossad intelligence agents, were working in Buenos Aires.

Tourism Minister Uzi Baram will travel to Buenos Aires today to participate in ceremonies honoring the victims of the blast.

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Panama Jews fear sabotage in crash

PANAMA'S Jewish community yesterday called for an exhaustive investigation to determine whether the apparent explosion of a commuter airline - which killed 19 passengers, most of them Jews - was sabotage.

The Israeli Embassy said 12 of the 19 victims on the domestic flight were Jews, at least four of whom were Israeli.

News of Tuesday's crash, which killed all 21 aboard the Alas Airlines plane, including three crew members, sparked concern among Panamanian Jews mindful of Monday's bombing of a Buenos Aires Jewish community center which killed at least 34 people.

"There is a great worry that this crash was caused by foul play," Yacki Eskenazy, a director of the local chapter of B'nai B'rith, told Reuters. "We will want answers."

The crash "was not an accident but a planted bomb," Panama's president-elect Ernesto Perez Baladarez said yesterday.

Perez told CNN in an interview

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in Washington that the Panamanian authorities were doing their best to find out who was responsible for Tuesday's crash.

The local press suggested the plane crash might have been the work of terrorists.

An eyewitness told Reuters he saw the twin-engine commuter plane explode shortly after take-off as it flew in heavy rain in a mountainous jungle area near Colon on a flight to Panama City.

"I was working in the area when I heard a big explosion and saw a fireball," farm worker Armando Mendoza said.

Reports on Panamanian radio said rescue crews had picked up remains of 11 victims strewn over a mountainous crash site.

But Israeli officials did not want to publicly speculate on the crash's cause. "It's too early to tell any thing, we will just have to wait," Israeli Embassy official Dean Hei-

man said in Panama City.

Panama's community of 5,000 or so Jews, including 1,000 Israeli citizens, urged officials to conduct a thorough investigation of the crash.

"We all knew someone on the flight, or were related to someone on the flight," Eskenazy said.

Most of the passengers were businessmen who worked at the Colon Free Trade Zone, a duty-free center which is a magnet for foreign businessmen.

The four Israeli victims are: • Haya Yakar of Jerusalem, who worked as a secretary in the Panama City branch of Bank Leumi. She is survived by her husband and children.

• Ra'anan Gabai, 26, of Ramat Yishai, who has worked in Panama for over a year as the manager of a supermarket. A bachelor, he is survived by his parents.

• Moshe Pardo, 32, of Kiryat Eliezer in Haifa.

• Yossi Gershon, 45, of Tirat Carmel.

IAF hits Hizbullah, group denies blast responsibility

IAF jets struck Hizbullah targets in the Iqlim al-Tuffah area in south Lebanon yesterday evening, while IDF artillery earlier in the day shelled other Hizbullah strongholds north of the security zone, Lebanese reports said.

An IDF statement said that air force planes attacked Hizbullah targets in the Jabbel Rafiaa and Jabbel Izzkan areas in south Lebanon. Lebanese sources said that two-minute air strikes began at 6 p.m. and targeted Iqlim al-Tuffah and bases near Ein el-Tineh on Mount Hermon's slopes in the southwestern part of the Bekaa Valley.

Reports from Lebanon yesterday said Hizbullah was in a state of alert after being blamed for the bombing of the Jewish community building in Buenos Aires. Hizbullah guerrillas

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were said to have evacuated their bases in South Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley in anticipation of an Israeli strike.

Hizbullah commanders left their homes and offices, reports said.

Earlier yesterday, Hizbullah denied involvement in the bombing.

"We in Hizbullah... deny having any links to the incident of Buenos Aires," the group said in a statement in Beirut.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has accused Iran and Hizbullah of links to Monday's blast. Tehran also denied the charge.

Meanwhile, in one of his strongest attacks

against Israel in years, Iran's spiritual leader yesterday branded Israel a nation of terrorists, thieves and murderers for blaming the bombing attack on Tehran.

"The Zionist regime is the clearest example of state terrorism in the world," Ayatollah Ali Khamenei told a gathering of office workers who punctuated his speech with cries of "death to Israel."

"Because of their filthy nature, the Zionists have no right to adjudicate on Islamic Iran," Khamenei said in reply to Israeli accusations against Iran.

His speech was broadcast by state-run Tehran radio, monitored in Cyprus. Alon Pinkas contributed to this report.

Barak to testify at Tze'elim-2 trial next week

CHIEF of Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak will testify next week in Tel Aviv Military Court in the trial of the officers charged with negligence in the Tze'elim-2 training accident.

The court decided yesterday to summon Barak to testify next Friday, July 29.

In the November 1992 training accident, five commando unit soldiers

were killed when a missile was erroneously fired.

Barak is expected to be questioned on the operational and training procedures of the unit, which is subordi-

nate to the General Staff.

Deputy Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shahak testified on those procedures three weeks ago.

Alon Pinkas

Gov't plan: Turn Clalit hospitals into non-profit corporations

THE government's recovery plan for Kupat Holim Clalit calls for divesting the fund of its hospitals and turning them into independent non-profit corporations, a Treasury official said last night.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat had previously rejected a Health Ministry proposal that the government take over Kupat Holim's hospitals in return for paying its debts.

Shohat said then that any such arrangement would have to provide greater management efficiency over the medical system.

A similar proposal by former health minister Ehud Olmert to

turn government hospitals into independent non-profit corporations failed over two years ago. At that time the plan did not succeed due to worker opposition. A Treasury official admitted that the same problem was likely to recur.

This morning, Histaadrut Secretary-General Haim Ramon, Health Minister Ephraim Sneh and Clalit officials will meet with Shohat to come up with a general

agreement over a plan to save the health fund, based on proposals drafted by the working groups they appointed two weeks ago.

According to a Treasury official, the sides have roughly agreed that Clalit's deficit will reach NIS 750 million, and will discuss how the parties will split the financial burden of covering those losses among themselves.

The official expects that a "declaration of principles" will result from today's meeting.

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Christopher due to meet Arafat in Gaza today

Peres going to Cairo to report on progress of talks

US SECRETARY of State Warren Christopher is due to visit Gaza today and meet PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat for the first time in a Palestinian self-rule area.

Christopher returned to Jerusalem last night from Amman. He will also meet today with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Tel Aviv.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is expected in Cairo today for meetings aimed at pushing along the peace negotiations. Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said yesterday, Moussa said Christopher may also visit Cairo during his current tour.

Meanwhile, Israel and the PLO agreed at the end of talks in Cairo yesterday that Palestinians would have control over education in the West Bank, officials said.

Palestinian negotiator Nabil Shaath said the Palestinian Authority would ask Christopher to help resolve other disputes with Israel when he visits Gaza today.

Shaath, planning minister in the Palestinian Authority, said he would bring up Israel's closure of Gaza with Christopher.

"We have an accord with Israel which

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dictates certain means of solving problems, and Israel is not following them," Shaath told reporters.

He accused Israel of shutting Gaza in "every time there is a problem between us."

Israeli chief negotiator Major-General Danny Rothchild said before he returned to Israel that Palestinians could decide how to run their education system.

"It was a fruitful meeting...Within the sphere of education they [Palestinians] are going to get control, to decide everything that

needs to be decided on the educational sphere.

"As far as education is concerned we made a good progress and there are very few problems left to be worked on next week, so we are taking them back home with us and the Palestinians are taking them back home with them and hopefully they will be able to conclude them next week," Rothchild added.

Shaath said: "It was a very positive meeting this afternoon. We have accomplished most of the paper on education. So next time we will just spend about a few hours on it and we will go into health directly."

Peres tries to breach barriers on Dead Sea's shores

STEVE RODAN
DEAD SEA, JORDAN

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres faced a challenge as soon as he arrived at the Dead Sea Spa Hotel: How would he convert a trilateral meeting of foreign ministers to speak directly to his Jordanian counterpart, Abdul Salam Majali?

It was a barrier erected by the Jordanians since the opening announcement that Peres would meet with US Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Majali yesterday and that of next week between King Hussein, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and US President Bill Clinton. At every opportunity, Jordanian officials stressed that their leaders would mention first the US representative and the that of Israel.

Peres tried to break the barrier. During the opening speeches, separated from Majali by Christopher, Peres directed his address solely at Jordan. In front of television cameras after the speech, the foreign minister walked behind Majali and tried to engage him in conversation.

Other Israelis at the summit also felt the Jordanian unease. Officials and journalists from both countries largely stayed away from each other. Language was no barrier as both groups spoke English. The Jordanians merely appeared shy. The exception was the attention some of the hoists showered on Israel Arabic TV's Salman Tawil.

Channel One's Gadi Sukenik tried to make friends real quickly with the Jordanians. On live television, he approached a dark-haired woman from Jordan and coaxed her to speak about her recent visit to Israel. Later, the woman told her she was the wrong



Israeli journalists cross the Allenby Bridge yesterday on their way to cover the historic trilateral meeting. (Efraim Kishitok)

choice. She is an American citizen from Omaha, interned at the Jordan Star.

Ya'akov Edelstein didn't need an introduction to Jordan. During the War of Independence, he was one of four survivors of the battle of Gush Etzion outside Jerusalem. They were taken to a prison in Jericho and then transferred to

Amman. Edelstein, 65, a correspondent for *HaZofe*, the National Religious Party daily, recalled the memory. "When we came to Jericho, the whole town showed up and spit on us," he said, tears in his eyes. When we left for Jordan, they dressed us up in khafiyas so the mob couldn't see we were

Jewish. Edelstein languished one year in an Amman jail before he was returned to Israel. "I didn't learn Arabic," he recalled. "I learned English."

Peres got in the last licks in his efforts to speak directly to the Jordanians. Towards the end of the news conference, a reporter for

the *Al Rai* daily, Razi Sa'adi, addressed the foreign minister in Hebrew.

Peres was impressed with Sa'adi's Hebrew. Sa'adi beamed. "I published your book in Jordan," Sa'adi said.

Peres didn't flinch. "Yes," he said with a smile, "without permission."

Girl, 13, killed by train while crossing at blind curve

A 13-YEAR-OLD girl was killed and two others were severely injured yesterday evening when they were hit by a Tel Aviv-bound train at the southern entrance to Haifa.

A 20-year-old man and two girls, three and 13 years old, were crossing the railway tracks near Ein Hayam on their way home after a day at the beach, when the train hit them.

The engineer had tried to stop the train.

The accident occurred on an area of tracks where the field of vision is blocked by a curve.

All three were brought to Rambam Hospital.

In another accident yesterday, a nine-year-old boy from a village near Nazareth was fatally injured when he was struck by a tractor. The driver of the tractor fled the scene.

The boy was brought in critical condition to Haifa's Rambam Hospital, where he died several hours later.

Police said the boy's family is not cooperating with investigators, which leads them to believe that a relative may have caused his death. (Tm)

Shahal: Arabs only want holy sites in Jerusalem

DAN IZENBERG

POLICE Minister Moshe Shahal said yesterday that a recent statement by Jordan's King Hussein meant the Moslem world wanted nothing more than control of the Islamic holy sites in eastern Jerusalem, thus precluding Palestinian demands for sovereignty over that part of the city.

Shahal was replying in the Knesset to two motions on the negotiations between Israel and Jordan.

During a speech two weeks ago, "Hussein said there is no doubt the Moslems, Islam, will be interested...and wants to receive control over - and here is the surprise - the holy sites," said Shahal. "As opposed to the general and sweeping claim that all of eastern Jerusalem belongs to the Palestinians, [Hus-

sein made] two important distinctions. One is that the issue does not belong solely to the Palestinians but is a matter for the entire Moslem world. The second is that he talked about the holy sites in such a way as to recognize that there were sites holy to other religions and Islam is demanding control [only] over the sites sacred to it."

Shahal did not elaborate on the matter. Jordan currently controls the Islamic holy sites through the Waik, the custodian of Moslem property, which is run by the Jordanian Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Shahal said economists believe Jordan will receive \$3 billion in foreign investments and the elimination of foreign debts for making peace with Israel.

Palestinian police destroy house where terrorists ambushed officer

DAN IZENBERG
and news agencies

PALESTINIAN police destroyed the home in Rafiah yesterday from which gunmen fatally shot IDF Lt. Guy Ovadia in Tuesday's ambush. Ovadia was buried yesterday. The police are continuing their search for the gunmen.

At the Palestinian Police headquarters in Gaza City, a reception was held yesterday for Maj. Gen. Yom Tov Samia, head of the Israeli team in the Israeli-Palestinian Joint Security Committee. Samia's duties

end today and he will be replaced by Maj. Gen. Dov Gazit.

Meanwhile, Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur told the Knesset yesterday that only 19,000 of the 35,000 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip who have work permits actually work in Israel.

Gur was replying to eight submitted motions on Sunday's riot at

the Erez Junction which left two Palestinians dead, an Israeli border policeman in critical condition and dozens of others wounded.

Gur mentioned the figure to reject demands that the government allow more Palestinians to work in Israel because of the desperate economic situation in the Gaza Strip.

He said he did not know why only a fraction of the Palestinians took advantage of their right to work in Israel.

Abu Ala barred from attending Jerusalem parley

EVELYN GORDON
and news agencies

AHMED Qureia (Abu Ala), the Palestinian economics minister, was banned from attending a gathering of investors in Jerusalem yesterday.

"It is very disturbing. The Israelis are acting as if there is no peace agreement between us," said Qureia.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's spokesman, Oded Ben-Ami, said Qureia was barred because the conference is being held in Jerusalem, rather than in Gaza or Jericho.

"All activities of the Palestinian Authority must be handled in Jericho and Gaza," Ben-Ami said.

Qureia accused the Israelis of changing the rules despite pledges by both sides to respect the status quo until negotiations begin.

"They are trying to impose changes on the ground, and this can endanger the peace process," said Qureia.

Qureia participated in the conference by telephone hookup, telling some 250 investors that 60 percent of the funding for the seven-year, \$13 billion master plan for the Palestinian self-rule areas would have to come from private capital.

"We have to rely on ourselves. We have big challenges: to fight against unemployment, and start building the infrastructure," said Qureia.

Meanwhile, the ministerial committee on legislation announced yesterday that it would submit a bill to Knesset next week to prevent the Palestinian Authority from operating in Jerusalem.

The committee hopes to get the bill through its first reading by the end of next week, which is the last week of the summer session. Work on it will then continue after the Knesset resumes in late September.

According to Justice Minister David Liba'i, the bill is not meant to prevent Arab residents of the city from engaging in any legal political activity. Its goal, he said,

is to ensure the implementation of the Gaza/Jericho agreement, which stipulates that the seat of the Palestinian Authority will be in Gaza or Jericho, and to prevent Jerusalem from becoming a "Palestinian political center."

The bill states that the Palestinian Authority will not establish any institutions, offices or representations within Israel, unless it receives a written permit from the government.

If any such institution is established, the bill would allow it to be closed down by police order, though the institution could appeal the order to the Jerusalem District Court within 48 hours.

The bill also permits, but does not require, the government to prohibit the establishment of any PLO institution within Israel, and to close down any such institution by administrative order. The government may also prohibit any PLO meeting within Israel.

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with SHARON REGEV

Regev, a veterinarian, is the son of Col. Arik Regev, the commander of the Jordan Valley area who was killed in an ambush in the Jordan valley in 1968. He will accompany Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to Washington to meet King Hussein and President Clinton.

What question will you ask King Hussein if you have the chance to talk?

I haven't thought out a question yet, but immediately after the Six Day War my father said that we would have to give back the territories, he foresaw the sorts of problems we would have. He also used to say that one of the people we could trust was King Hussein. I expect I would ask something on that theme.

How did you feel about being chosen to accompany Rabin on this visit?

I feel very honored, even though obviously I was chosen because of my father and not for my own merit. I believe strongly in this chance for

peace even though I have been "hurt" by Arabs, as it were. I particularly believe in this Jordanian track, much more than the process with the PLO, so this is very exciting.

It's also a very symbolic date for me. My father was killed on the first of Av. And my son was also born on the first of Av and now we're making peace with the Jordanians also at the beginning of Av. I feel deep inside that this is symbolic.

You were 12 years old when he was killed; what do you remember about your father?

My strongest memory is of the day he was killed. It was a Friday afternoon. I came back from a summer camp for the children of paratroopers and there were lots of cars in front of the house, which seemed very strange. My mother took me and my sister, Ronit, into a room and told us that our father had been killed. There are, of course, other memories from Saturdays and holidays... He was a very special father.

Liat Collins

Jordan brings solid proposals on trade agreements to talks

JOSE ROSENFELD

JORDANIAN negotiators surprised their Israeli counterparts yesterday with their bold proposal to establish a free-trade zone between the countries. The proposals were made during trade talks following the Peres-Majali-Christopher meeting off the Jordanian Dead Sea shore.

"They came with a substantial proposal which implies doing away with the Arab boycott," said an Israeli negotiator.

According to the official, the Jordanians want a free-trade agreement which will immediately open up the Israeli market to their goods, while allowing Jordan to gradually open its market over a period of 12 to 15 years. In addition, the Jordanians want most of GATT principles - which encourage free trade - to apply to trade with Israel.

The Israelis made clear that a free-trade agreement is not in the cards at the moment since such agreements require time-consuming impact studies before the sides can determine what benefits they will derive from it.

The Jordanians reiterated their demand to have free market access to the Palestinians in the territories, but the Israelis rejected it. According to an Israeli official, it would mean *de facto* the free movement of Jordanian goods to Israel.

"This could complicate the integrity of our free-trade agreements with Europe and the US since it would afford Jordanian goods the same trade benefits our goods enjoy," said the official.

The official admitted that the economic agreement with the PLO actually provides Israel's trade benefits to the Palestinians. However, it was a one-time concession given to the Palestinians to encourage them to sign the agreement and not a regular way of operating, said the official.

Despite the disagreements, Israeli officials were optimistic. According to one of them, "there is basis for progress."

Both sides agreed on the principle of pursuing a non-discriminatory trade policy.

Palestinians rescue driver from rock-throwing mob

HERB KEINON

A NEW resident of the settlement of Talmot Bet, whose car broke down after he took a wrong turn near Ramallah and ended up surrounded by Palestinians throwing rocks at his car, was rescued by two Palestinians who took him to their car to the Ramallah police station.

"I was driving from Talmot to Jerusalem," said Ehud Gali, a National Religious Party activist and employee at the Chief Rabbinate, "when I took a wrong turn. My car broke down, not far from where Noam Cohen was killed, and I came under attack from a barrage of rocks. I got out of the car and walked in the other direction, and saw another group of Arabs coming at me with rocks."

Gali, who moved from Jerusalem to Talmot last week, was unarmed. He said he confronted the Palestinians and asked what he had done, and that "it was in his interest" not to continue hurling rocks at his car. "They asked if I was armed, and I said 'no,' that I

would not do them any harm."

Gali, a veteran of an elite army unit who speaks fluent Arabic, said "all of a sudden a car came by and the two men inside told me to get in, that they would take me to Jerusalem. I asked if they were terrorists, or came to help. They said they were there to help."

Gali, who said he had gone through more harrowing experiences in the army and as a member of the Golan settlement of Ramat Maghshim, when it was subjected to Syrian bombardment in the early 1970s, said, "I knew that I could not show I was frightened, that I could not panic. I understand the mentality."

Gali said the two men who picked him up were "very tense" because some of the Palestinians started running after their car. "They said that they were not going to take me to Jerusalem, but rather to the army in Ramallah. They dropped me off at the police station and left."

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Committee refuses to approve proposal to limit mobility between health funds

THE Knesset labor and social affairs committee yesterday failed to approve a proposal that would set an annual quota on the number of people permitted to move to another health fund under the National Health Insurance Law.

The proposal was endorsed by Kipat Holim Clalit and opposed by the three smaller health funds, Maccabi, Leumi and Meuhedet. Instead, the committee asked the Health Ministry to present an

altered version after consulting with the various health funds "and avoid hasty legislation that will cause problems difficult to escape."

The proposed regulation would have been in effect for a year starting January 1 and would have divided the country into six regions. If the number of applicants to a health fund exceeded 10 percent of its membership in that region, those beyond the quota would

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have to wait for another year to switch insurers.

Health Ministry spokeswoman Yifat Ben-Hai said the proposal was not raised with any particular health fund in mind. But if large numbers of people left a certain fund for others, "these would be overwhelmed and unable to provide adequate services."

Committee chairman MK Amir

Peretz said "the dangers posed to Clalit do not justify setting limitations on the citizen. Clalit has to consider how to give better service so that its members don't leave. We are all for freedom of choice."

A Clalit representative said shifting in membership would have to be gradual, so as not to cause chaos either in the insurer that is abandoned or the new one. But Maccabi director-general Rafi Roter said the quota should

be no smaller than 30% of membership in a given region, and not 10%. Meuhedet director-general Uzi Salant said the ministry proposal would bring about "stagnation" and harm competition and the level of services. A Leumi representative said a quota would induce many people to register for a health fund - even if they weren't certain they wanted to leave - to avoid being left behind.

Travel abroad up 30% in '94

JOSE ROSENFELD

ISRAELIS continue to travel abroad in droves, as foreign travel departures jumped by 30% to 644,200 in the first half of the year compared with the same period last year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

Should Israelis keep up the same pace for the remainder of the year, they will top last year's record of 1.125 million departures by 14.5%.

During the first six months of the year, 562,400 residents traveled abroad by air, or 28% more than during the same period last year. There was a steep jump of 52% in land departures - almost exclusively to Egypt and mostly to Taba and Sinai - which totaled 66,100. Even sea travel increased a significant 29%, registering 15,700 departures.

Excluding seasonal factors, the rate of departures by air in May and June was 8% higher than the average monthly rate from January to April.

The figures do not include the movements of eastern Jerusalem residents through the bridges to Jordan.

Survey: Most youth receive sex education at school

EIGHTY-SEVEN percent of youth have received some kind of sexual education in school, while 82% have received many lessons on the subject, according to an Education Ministry survey.

The study, entitled "Sexual Education and Information for Youth," was based on a telephone survey in August 1993 of 1,017 Jewish youth in grades eight through 11.

It found that almost all youth place great importance on the provision of sexual education in the school system. Most of the respondents said grades eight, nine and 10 were the most suitable times to introduce the subject, as well as to give information on AIDS.

Only 1% to 2% said sexual education should not be given in schools.

Other findings of the survey include:

- 77% of pupils have discussed AIDS in school, 55% have discussed sexual relationships among youth and 47% have discussed parent-adolescent relationships.
- Most of the lectures on sexual education - 74% - were given by teachers, while some lessons were given by professionals from outside the school: 26% by educational advisers, 18% by experts and 12% by medical personnel. Professional speakers appeared more often for grades 10 and 11.
- 82% said they would turn to others for more information on the subject: 45% said they would first turn to their families, 31% to their mothers, 10% to their fathers, 3% to siblings and 1% to other relatives.

Girls turn more to their mothers, whereas boys turn to their mothers and fathers to the same extent for information. (Iim)



Seychelles President France Albert Rene (right) and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin sign a cooperation agreement during their meeting in Jerusalem yesterday. Rene, here on a four-day working visit, will also meet with President Ezer Weizman and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, and will tour a number of factories and agricultural enterprises. (Stella/Haran)

Liba'i persuades committee to oppose financing of health promotion from tobacco taxes

JUDY SIEGEL

JUSTICE Minister David Liba'i has persuaded the ministerial committee on legislation to oppose the establishment of a health promotion foundation financed from tobacco taxes.

Such an organization has succeeded in reducing mortality and promoting good health practices in Massachusetts, California and most of Australia.

Health Minister Ephraim Sneh has said he favors such a foundation, but he is not a member of the four-member committee, which also includes ministers Amnon Rubinstein, Shimon Shetret and Moshe Shahal. The Health Ministry spokeswoman did not say whether Sneh would appeal the committee's decision, handed down on Tuesday, to the entire

cabinet.

The proposal was initiated by Labor MK Yoram Lass. He argued that even if a small percentage of the NIS-900 million in tobacco taxes collected by the Treasury were spent for health promotion, the country's quality of life would improve.

But a spokeswoman for Liba'i said the minister opposes the bill because "he disapproves of 'dedicated taxes' collected from one source and devoted to another. If the Health Ministry believes health promotion is important, it should spend some of its budget on this, or ask the Treasury for larger allocations for this purpose." The spokeswoman added

that Liba'i accepted position papers on the subject prepared by Justice Ministry officials.

The Health Ministry has a minimal budget for health promotion, and has decided not to finance public service announcements in the electronic media to promote the ban on smoking in the workplace that goes into effect in October.

Anti-smoking activists pointed out that there are already a number of Treasury-approved "dedicated taxes," including those on drink cans (that go to the Environment Ministry's cleanup efforts) and on vehicle licenses (funneled to the National Council for Accidental Prevention). Preventing the

deaths of thousands of people from smoking is at least as important as these causes, say the activists.

Liba'i has consistently opposed bills to ban tobacco advertising in newspapers and the sale of cigarettes to minors; his spokeswoman argued that these were impractical or unenforceable.

Lass blamed the Treasury for opposition to the proposal, which was modeled on the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth) established in that Australian state in 1987.

This body collects \$17 million annually from tobacco taxes and promotes healthy activities, including smoking cessation, through advertising and educational campaigns.

Animal abuser arrested in Tel Aviv

RAINE MARCUS

CIVIL Guard volunteers arrested a man early yesterday suspected of killing a dog and abusing seven more animals in the Tel Aviv area.

The 25-year-old man was arrested after he was seen on Flinker Street tossing a Doberman pinscher up in the air and kicking it. Civil Guard volunteer Gil Sapir, noticing the dog bleeding profusely, arrested the man.

The dog, who suffered from severe brain damage, was operated on but later died.

Over the past few months police have discovered seven dogs who have been brutally attacked and abused. One had his skull crushed and some had their limbs hacked off.

Hayarkon police set up a special squad to investigate the incidents. Police have said that whoever is responsible for "such cruelty to animals may also be capable of carrying out similar acts on human beings."



Narcotics detectives pose yesterday with 48 marijuana plants seized in the raid of a Tel Aviv apartment. Acting on an informer's tip, they arrested one man, 34, suspected of growing the plants for sale. Officers also seized a dozen 20-gram packets of pot. (Ailon Ron/Israel Sun)

Chamber concert ends on happy note

HELEN KAYE

IT HAD a happy ending, but the Rehovot Camera Chamber Ensemble almost didn't play its opening concert at the Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival in Germany.

It's hard to play a concert without instruments or the scores. Arriving in Hamburg from Israel at 1 a.m. on July 18, the chamber orchestra discovered that its cello, doublebass and the box with all the scores had disappeared without trace.

Frantic searches turned up nothing. Computer traces couldn't

trace. Consternation reigned. The morning rehearsal had to be canceled. Nails got bitten. Searches redoubled, and finally, Luftwaffe's diligent crews discovered the missing cargo in a huge container at a Hamburg airport warehouse.

The instruments and the scores were rushed to St. Michaels Church in Lüneburg just in time for the 5 p.m. dress rehearsal, and later that evening close to a 1,000 people cheered as the Camera, cello and bass in hand, scores on stand, played Bach and Handel.

22 babies born in a single shift

Twenty-two babies were born during Tuesday's eight-hour night shift at Soroka Hospital in Beersheva, compared with an average of eight to 10. Hospital spokeswoman Batya Kuri said it was the largest number of babies to be born within such a short period in any hospital in Israel.

Asked for an explanation, she suggested the births were a blessing after the tragic death at the hospital of IDF Lt. Guy Ovadia in an terrorist ambush near Rafiah earlier in the day. Judy Siegel

NEWS IN BRIEF

Deri to enter plea on Sunday

Former interior minister Aryeh Deri will enter his plea of innocent or guilty to the charges against him on Sunday, instead of yesterday as originally planned. This is the second time Deri's attorneys have requested an extension made necessary, they said, because of the large volume of material they need to examine.

Suspect in wiretapping case still in custody

Eli Gershoni, owner of the Cavenet Investigation Company, was remanded for a further three days by Kfar Sava Magistrates Court yesterday.

He was arrested last week by the National Crimes Squad who are still investigating wide-scale wiretapping on businessmen, politicians and media personnel allegedly carried out by private investigators Rafi Friedman and Ya'acov Tsur. Gershoni is suspected of ordering wiretapping services from Friedman and Tsur.

Tsur and Friedman's trial starts in October.

Man gets fine for assaulting gay

A 20-year-old Tel Aviv man was given a one-year suspended sentence and a NIS 1,000 fine for assaulting a homosexual man in the city's Independence Park.

The man and three other friends attacked a Beersheba man who was in the park in July 1990, beating him in the face, stomach and around his body. The man's arm was broken as a result of the beating.

The judge also ordered the attacker to pay the victim NIS 500 in damages. Iim

Education Ministry pays damages

The Education Ministry will pay NIS 250,000 in damages to a 22-year-old Dimona man who sustained injuries during a school brawl in 1982. A settlement was reached between the two sides and accepted yesterday by the Tel Aviv District Court.

The man claimed his elbow had been severely damaged during the brawl. He accused the ministry of negligence for not having supervision during school recess. The ministry, however, claimed the boy had willingly participated in the fight. Iim

Arab council heads continue protest

The protest of some 50 Arab local council heads in Jerusalem's Wabi Rose Garden entered its fourth day yesterday. On Tuesday night, youths threw rocks at the leaders' protest tent.

Umm el-Fahm Mayor Raid Salah said the Arab local leaders would remain in the tent until two-thirds of the Arab sector's NIS 250 million debt was covered. They are also demanding more development funds, and that the local budgets of the Arab sector be equal to the Jewish sector. Iim

Al Jarreau does jazz

REVIEW

HERB KEINON

FEW are the singers who can make counting to five in a song a soulful experience. Al Jarreau is one of the f-e-e-e-e-e-e-e-e-e-w. Yeh.

In a performance at the Jerusalem Convention Center in the capital Tuesday night, Jarreau chose Dave Brubeck's jazz classic "Take Five" to showcase his uncanny vocal range. In an innovative rendition of the classic tune, Jarreau brought his voice from the raspy depths to the chirpy heights. In one phrase he went from sounding like the James Earl Jones of song to Whitney Houston. And much of this was done with the vocalist simply counting to five.

During another number, "Summertime" from *Porgy and Bess*, Jarreau's voice folded into the instrumental. He dueted with the saxophone, dueling with the drum, and challenged the electric guitar. He had the sounds down so well that at times it was difficult to tell what was coming from Jarreau's throat, and what from Larry Williams' saxophone.

Since Jarreau does this so well, the best part of his 90-minute concert, sponsored by Parliament Arts, came during the songs that spotlighted his vocal virtuosity. His rendition of Elton John's ballad "Your Song" was nothing short of beautiful. He gave the song a bluesy, soulful sound, most moving when he pulled his voice

up from the gut, filling the hall with a deep, rich voice.

This song, as well as the hit "We're in This Love Together," which had people dancing in the aisles, succeeded because Jarreau's voice dominated.

The less successful parts of the evening came during the songs where the band switched from blues accompaniment to aspiring hard rockers. Jarreau's voice was unfortunately dwarfed during the night's first song, and drowned out by an overbearing electric guitar for much of the second half. Amplified electric guitars are not a commodity worth paying NIS 110 for, vocalists with Jarreau's ability are, and should dominate. Not the other way around.

The artist immediately establish a rapport with the audience of some 1,500 by warbling, in reggae fashion, the words "Ja-ra-el, Ja-ra-el: Je-roo-sa-lem, Je-roo-sa-lem." "Sorry it took so long to get here," Jarreau said/sang, an allusion to the cancellation of his appearance during the Israel Festival because of a heart ailment to his pianist.

"It's pleasure walking in your streets, walking in the place where my daddy used to pray and preach about. In my heart," he sang, very much in the blues mode, "in my heart I know you're going to be an example for the world to see."

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Cholera epidemic hits Rwandan refugees

MICHELLE FAUL
GOMA, Zaire

LOCAL officials oversaw the first mass burial of victims of the world's largest exodus yesterday and prepared for more as a cholera epidemic took hold in this town overwhelmed by 1 million Rwandan refugees.

Despite assurances of safety from a new government, tens of thousands more Rwandans fled to sanctuaries in Zaire that held only thirst, hunger and disease.

"A lot of these people are going to die. It is one of the biggest catastrophes I have ever faced," said Dr. Jacques de Milliano, international president of Doctors Without Borders, pointing to the seething mass of refugees camped near Goma airport.

On the road to the airport, bodies filled a mass grave at the edge of a banana plantation. People at the graveside said there were more than 200 bodies in the pit.

In Goma, more bodies awaited burial, many of them still unidentifiable.

In front of a house somehow designated a gathering ground for bodies, 38 corpses rolled in mats were lined up neatly. In the town center, another eight bodies were arranged on the sidewalk. Dozens more lined the streets.

Outside the Grand Lakes Hotel, a red shirt covered the head and torso of a boy lying on a traffic island in the middle of the road. A blue bundle nearby proved to be the body of a baby girl. At another traffic circle, a dead old man lay uncovered.

More death was on its way.

On Tuesday, de Milliano reported the first suspected case of cholera.

"Today there are 30 cases here, 40 cases there, 50 cases over there. Tomorrow it will be 400 cases here, and 600 there," he said, motioning vaguely toward the masses of refugees that have swarmed the town and its outskirts.

Relief agencies already overwhelmed by the exodus that began a week ago have not got the medication, staff or other resources to fight the epidemic.

He estimated the disease would attack at least one in every hundred refugees.

"That means 10,000 patients at least. And it could be 20,000," he said.

Doctors also reported the first suspected case of measles Wednesday. "If it's measles, it will be thousands of children dying of measles, that's for sure," de Milliano warned.

Samantha Bolton of the French-based Doctors Without Borders said there was no way to estimate the number dying of dysentery, malaria and lack of food and water.

"People are dying from dehydration left, right and center," she said. "I walked 20 yards to our tent at the Munigi camp Wednesday and saw five dead. There was another when I came out."

The exodus from Rwanda has prompted a desperate relief effort, one burdened by the sheer size of the humanitarian crisis and hampered by the logistics of transporting supplies to the camps.

The Pentagon has said it will begin a new effort to aid refugees. Pentagon spokeswoman Kathleen deLaski said Air Force transport planes and privately contracted aircraft will fly 78 missions to Goma beginning Thursday, carrying medical supplies, food and material to build shelters.

Private aid groups and the United Nations also have set up operations.

Their task is sure to become more difficult. Despite an uncertain fate awaiting the refugees, as many as 3,000 people an hour were reported crossing the border yesterday in the far southwestern corner of Rwanda.

Estimates of those still moving through southwestern Rwanda toward Zaire ranged from 1.3 million to 1.9 million, said Panos Moutzias of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

If they cross the border, it would bring the number of Rwandans living in refugee camps in neighboring countries to about 3.5 million - nearly half of Rwanda's prewar population of about 8 million.

(AP)



Catholic priests line bodies in a mass grave in Goma, Zaire yesterday where dozens of Rwandan refugees have been buried. (Reuters)

Major reshuffles cabinet, top posts unchanged

LONDON (Reuters) - Prime Minister John Major, trying to boost his unpopular government in the run-up to the next election, sacked four cabinet ministers yesterday in the biggest reshuffle since he took over from Margaret Thatcher.

But the top portfolios remained unchanged and Major, for whom loyalty to his colleagues is a trademark, opted for a low-profile new chairman for his fractious Conservative Party.

Major is battling to reassert his authority over the deeply divided Conservatives and to resist the challenge of the resurgent opposition Labour Party, expected to elect telegenic 41-year-old moderniser Tony Blair as its new leader today.

Bidding to find a winning team for the next general election, due by 1997, Major ousted his education, transport and national heritage ministers along with the government spokesman in the unelected House of Lords, the upper house of parliament.

The biggest surprise was his choice of Jeremy Hanley, a junior defense minister, as the new Conservative Party chairman. Hanley will have a crucial role trying to revive flagging party morale after bitter in-fighting over the European Union.

Hanley, whose mother and father were actors, did not underestimate the challenge - "Well, I've certainly got a lot of work to do."

Margaret Beckett, who took over as acting Labor Party leader after John Smith's sudden death in May, mocked the choice of Hanley to head a party accused by the opposition of exhaustion after 15 years in power.

The top three in the cabinet - Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, Chancellor of the Exchequer Ken

neth Clarke and Home Secretary Michael Howard - were not touched by the cuts.

But other ministries were reshuffled by Major, who took over from Thatcher in 1990 when the Conservatives decided she had become an election liability after a fiery decade in power.

But officials insisted the reshuffle did not herald any swing to the right. "I would not expect sharp substantive changes in direction," one aide to Major said.

After two rollercoaster years of policy U-turns, party mutinies over Europe and a string of financial and sex scandals, Major's Conservatives have been accused by Labor of running a sleazy, arrogant government that has been in power too long.

The Conservatives have slipped in opinion polls after tax rises and a feeling among Britons that they are out of touch. They were punished with a string of municipal and European election defeats.

Right-wing millionaire businessman Jonathan Aitken takes over the crucial role of number two to Clarke in the Treasury. His job will be to ensure tight control over public spending.

Michael Portillo, Aitken's predecessor and the man Thatcher would most like to see as the next British leader, takes over as Employment Secretary.

Another youthful cabinet newcomer is former Treasury minister and Major protégé Stephen Dorrell, 42, who takes over as National Heritage Secretary in charge of arts and sport.

A third fresh face was Northern Irelander Brian Mawhinney, taking over as Transport Secretary from John MacGregor who has presided over a disastrous rail strike.

Protests mark anniversary of Burmese Nobel laureate's arrest

LONDON (Reuters) - Politicians and civil rights activists around the world marked yesterday's fifth anniversary of the house arrest of Burmese democracy campaigner Aung San Suu Kyi with renewed appeals for her immediate release.

The human rights group Amnesty International said over 2,000 members of parliament from a wide range of countries have signed a petition which has been handed in to UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali.

In addition 14 Nobel peace laureates signed an open letter to Burma's military rulers demanding the release of Suu Kyi and 26 elected members of parliament.

Amnesty said its activists were staging protests in 20 countries to mark the anniversary, with two British members of parliament being symbolically chained up in a cage outside the Burmese embassy in London.

Suu Kyi has been under house arrest in her Rangoon home since 1989, with visits largely confined to her British academic husband Michael Aris and family members.

The National League for Democracy, founded by Suu Kyi, won an overwhelming victory in a 1990 general election in Burma. The ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) refused to hand over power.

In honor of her pro-democracy struggle, Suu Kyi was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991.

Fellow Nobel Peace Laureates

who signed the open letter urging her release included former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, Polish president Lech Walesa, South African archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama from Tibet.

They said: "Even according to the SLORC's own draconian laws, Suu Kyi cannot be held any longer than five years without trial. The long and unjust incarceration of Aung San Suu Kyi belies the SLORC's declared intention to allow a transition to civilian rule."

Amnesty, in a statement issued in London, said it is particularly concerned about two League parliamentarians sentenced to 20 years imprisonment for peaceful opposition to the government, Kyi Maung and Aung Khin Sint.

At Nicosia's main Greek Orthodox

Greeks, Turks remember Cyprus invasion

NICOSIA (AP) - Greek Cypriots mourned and prayed for an end to occupation yesterday while Turkish Cypriots celebrated in the Turkish-occupied north to mark the 20th anniversary of the Turkish invasion.

Sirens wailed at dawn in the Greek Cypriot south of the divided island to mark the moment of incursion. They sounded again at 10 a.m. and church bells pealed to signal a five-minute general standstill and a call for prayers for the 6,000 Greek Cypriots killed in the invasion and the 1,619 still missing.

Work and traffic halted in the southern, Greek Cypriot side of the Mediterranean island, with people leaving their vehicles to stand in silence by the side of the road until the sirens sounded again.

The relatives of the missing are to stage a nightlong, candle-lit vigil at the Ledra Palace Hotel crossing point on the UN-patrolled buffer zone that has been splitting the capital and the rest of the island along ethnic lines for 20 years.

The sirens were sounding again at 10 p.m. (1900 GMT) as a signal

for street lights to go out and people to turn off the lights in their homes and come into the streets with candles in a demonstration in support of relatives of the missing.

During the day delegations representing 200,000 Greek Cypriots who fled or were forcibly expelled from the north delivered protests to the embassies of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council demanding implementation of the council's resolutions on Cyprus.

In contrast, Turkish Cypriots marked the day with military parades, celebrations for what they perceive as their liberation from Greek oppression and vows to defend the continued existence of their breakaway state.

Turkey invaded July 20, 1974, saying it was protecting the Turkish Cypriot minority of 135,000 in the wake of a short-lived Athens-

backed coup by supporters of union with Greece.

The movement of 40,000 Turkish Cypriots from the south in the wake of the invasion concentrated the minority in the north, resulting in the ethnic division of the island.

The UN force that patrols the buffer zone numbered 6,000 a few years ago but has shrunk to just over 1,000, reflecting the weariness of donor nations and the Security Council with the lack of progress in peace talks.

President Glafos Clerides, the Greek Cypriot leader, marked the anniversary with a fresh call to the Security Council to take action to ensure implementation of its resolutions.

Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş called for the integration of north Cyprus with Turkey if his breakaway state were not recognized.

Hitler's birthplace to become anti-fascism center

VIENNA (Reuters) - Austria said yesterday it would convert the house where Adolf Hitler was born into an anti-fascism center to deter neo-Nazis from venerating the building as a shrine.

The conversion of the small 16th-century house in the town of Braunau, on the border with Germany, will be one of a series of events in Austria next year commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, Interior Ministry officials said.

"We are going to create a center against fascism, racism and discrimination in Hitler's birthplace...to educate people about the history of national socialism and its results at Mauthausen (concentration camp in Austria)," said Peter Heindl, a senior aide to Interior Minister Franz Loeschner.

"We also want to hinder fascists who pay visits, like pilgrimages, to Hitler's birthplace."

The idea was welcomed by leading figures of Vienna's Jewish community, now a fraction of what it was before Hitler subsumed Austria into the Nazi Third Reich in the 1938 Anschluss.

"It is important to educate young children about the war, not just the Holocaust, and what Nazism was all about," Leon Zelman of the Jewish Welcome Service in Vienna said.

Hitler was born in the picturesque town of Braunau on April 20, 1889. He fought for the German army in World War One and settled in Munich in 1919.

The birthdate of the fascist dictator has become a cherished anniversary for right-wing extremists in Europe and the house a focus for neo-Nazis in Austria, Germany, Italy, Britain and the United States, Heindl said.

Some sympathizers have stood outside the house in paramilitary uniform and given the stiff-arm Hitler salute.

Police step up security around the April 20 date ever since street battles between rightists and leftists broke out in the town on the anniversary of Hitler's 90th birthday in 1979.

"We want to stop these people assembling there but we don't want to do it through repression but education," Heindl said.

Converting the one-storey house, now used as a home for physically handicapped children, could anger Austrian neo-Nazis who are proud of Braunau's status as Hitler's birthplace.

Braunau mayor Gerhard Skiba received a series of death threats when an anti-fascist memorial, which he sponsored, was erected outside the house in 1989.

The Austrian government, worried about a resurgence of neo-Nazi activity in the country, re-

formed its laws in 1992, making it easier for courts to jail rightwing activists.

Around 20 extremists have been imprisoned in the past 18 months, including Gottfried Kuesel, the leader of a prominent neo-Nazi organization.

Interior Ministry officials said a committee of historians would be set up to work out how best to convert Hitler's house and advise on other events to mark the 1945 anniversary.

Heindl said commemorations would take place next year at the Mauthausen camp, 150 km west of Vienna, and scores of sites throughout the country where prisoners were used as slave labor in mines and factories.

More than 100,000 Jews, communist activists and political prisoners died at Mauthausen.

Bosnian Serbs take secret answer to Geneva

SARAJEVO (Reuters) - The Bosnian Serbs yesterday took their secret response to the latest Bosnian peace plan to Geneva where they were expected to indicate conditional agreement at a meeting with international mediators.

Muslims and Croats, who have already agreed to the plan, held talks with the mediators from the five-nation contact group that drew up the division plan for Bosnia.

In Sarajevo, the United Nations reported low intensity conflict between Serbs and Muslims on the battlefronts of north-central Bosnia and in the northwestern Bihac enclave, where fighting has dragged on for weeks.

UN military spokesman Major Rob Annink said there had been troop movements in the area around Mount Igman, which dominates Sarajevo to the southwest, in the past 24 hours.

French United Nations troops escorted a 26-man Bosnian army patrol out of the demilitarized zone there, while about 100 Serb troops were seen moving out of the area towards the Serb-held town of Tnovno.

The Bosnian Serbs' self-styled parliament reached a decision on the peace plan on Tuesday after two days of debate in the moun-

tain resort of Pale, just outside Sarajevo, but chose not to make their response public.

Instead, they wrote their verdict on a piece of paper and sealed it in a pink envelope, which a delegation headed by Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic took to Geneva to disclose to international mediators.

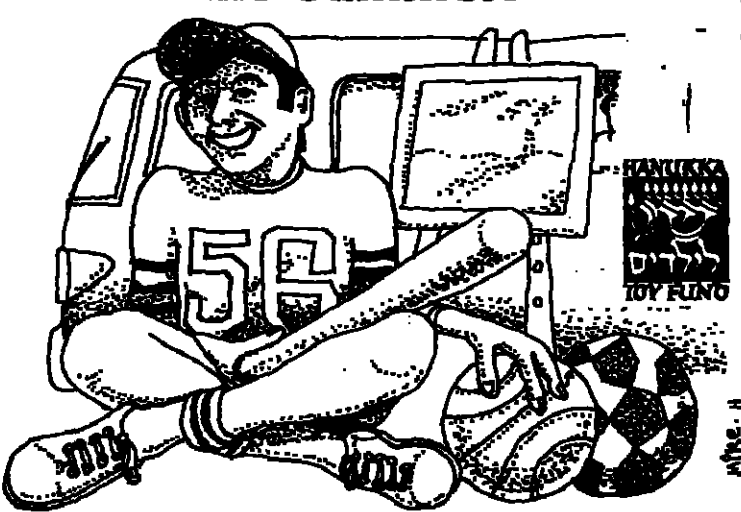
Serb sources and diplomats in Geneva said the Bosnian Serbs were likely to indicate readiness to accept the plan conditional on a number of conditions being met.

The Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said it was assumed that the Bosnian Serbs were asking for an adjustment in the map of Bosnia drawn up by the mediators, guarantees that sanctions against Yugoslavia will be lifted if the Serbs accept, and clarification of Bosnia's future constitutional arrangements.

Sources close to the Serbs have also suggested they may be pushing for their own seat at the United Nations.

The Serb response appeared to be designed to prolong negotiations on the peace plan despite the fact that the contact group, comprised of the United States, Russia, Britain, France and Germany - had demanded a definitive yes or no, reply.

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Haitian leader may back down

WASHINGTON (AP) - A Democratic congressman just back from Haiti said yesterday Haiti's military ruler "is not totally intransigent" and may be ready to "make a move" to avoid a US invasion.

Bill Richardson said he met for five hours Monday with Haiti's military leaders and told Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras "he had to make the next move, that US resolve was very strong."

"I think invasion is not the right choice but it should be a last resort," Rep. Bill Richardson said after briefing Clinton and congressional leaders on his trip.

Clinton said the United States

isn't interested in talking with Cedras unless he's willing to relinquish power.

"If he wants to talk about when he's going to leave, then I think that somebody will talk to him," Clinton said during an Oval Office photo opportunity with Ernesto Perez Balladarez, the president-elect of Panama.

Clinton thanked Balladarez for his willingness to set up safe havens for Haitian refugees once he takes office Sept. 1.

Panama's current president, Guillermo Endara had agreed to take up to 10,000 Haitians, but later reneged on the deal.

Reward for the capture of frequent shoppers

Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies

HOPING to stem massive customer defections, US supermarkets are tracking each shopper's purchases electronically to tailor special deals for individual customers.

The idea is being tested here, too, according to Mordecai Kreiner, vice president of SuperSol.

"We started this in about five stores in the north, more than six months ago," Kreiner said this week.

An advantage for the shopper is getting discounts on unadvertised specials, Kreiner said. At the same time, the store benefits from the feedback gained. "You're building up a tremendous data base" which gives specific feedback on a store basis, he added. For example, a store manager who noticed a drop in a particular department's sales would be able to call shoppers on the "membership" list and ask why they were buying less from that department.

"But it is too early yet to say whether the system has been a success," Kreiner said.

In the US, supermarkets are shedding a longstanding reluctance to treat some customers differently and are moving toward a tiered pricing system in which loyal shoppers pay less.

"We're talking about different prices for different people," said Brian P. Woolf, president of Retail Strategy Center of Greenville, South Carolina.

The best customers at Snyder Foods in Oklahoma City already get special "power coupons" with significant discounts not available to other shoppers. In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, shoppers entering a Pick 'n' Save Mega-Food Center store receive a "shopping list" with deals tailored to them.

Supermarket consultant Carlene Thissen predicts that, within five years, 80 percent of US supermarkets will offer frequent-shopper programs that give loyal shoppers better deals.

"It will become as common as scanning," she said.

Most Israeli chains already offer discounts of some sort to regular customers.

At the Co-op Blue Square Chain, about 40,000 customers have membership cards that give them a 2 percent discount. The cards are offered periodically and cost about NIS 100, said spokeswoman Yael Loewenthal-Lev-Ran. In addition, she said, pensioners receive a 7 percent discount.

"Loyal" customers are also offered bonuses, discount coupons, discounts for various events and special courses, she said.



US supermarkets are moving toward a tiered system which gives discounts to loyal customers. (Sarit Uziel)

Moshe Eilat, a member of the Shekem chain's management, said discounts of between 5 and 10 percent are offered to members of the military establishment. Shekem was owned by the Defense Ministry until about a year ago.

"Maybe in the future we will also give discounts to frequent shoppers who are not members of the army," Eilat said, adding that the idea is under discussion by Shekem's management.

US GROCERS are embracing reward programs to win loyalty from often-fickle shoppers.

The industry-sponsored Food Marketing Institute reports that a quarter of supermarket shoppers switch grocery stores each year, mostly to take advantage of bargains.

The search for a better deal is also driving many shoppers to membership warehouses, discount stores and specialty shops.

"Supermarkets are facing some pretty terrible competitive problems," said Thissen, president of Chicago-based Retail Consulting Systems. "They really need to do something to keep their customers."

There is nothing new about rewarding loyalty. Department stores, for example, have offered special credit deals and "private sales" to their best card customers for years.

Until recently, supermarkets have avoided those tactics. In advertising, many supermarkets stress low prices. Special deals for select customers could confuse a low-price image.

"I don't like segregating customers according to how much they spend or how often they come in," said Jack H. Brown, chairman of Colton, Calif.-based Stater Bros.

"I think it is more positive when your promotions are available to all customers."

Nonetheless, the industry's reluctance to target the best shoppers appears to be fading.

In a survey of 106 supermarket companies, 60 percent told the Food Marketing Institute that they would have a frequent-shopper program by the end of 1994. In 1993, only 26 percent of those companies had such a program.

A recent study funded by the Coca-Cola Research Council suggests that loyal shoppers are worth courting. According to the study, 30 percent of a store's customers provide 75 percent of the sales.

Besides allowing grocers to reward customers, the systems give supermarkets a better look at how sales are going.

The tracking systems raise privacy concerns. Shoppers at stores using the Catalina Marketing system of St. Petersburg, Florida, do not know they are being tracked.

Catalina representatives say their system does not invade customer privacy because shoppers are not tracked by name or address.

Customers who join frequent-shopper clubs supply names, addresses and other demographic information. The applications usually contain "opt out" clauses allowing consumers to have their names deleted from marketing lists, but the clauses are often cryptic.



A finished cut by "hair sculptor" Amir Segev, whose controversial theories about hair care include dispensing with conditioners.

Cutting edge

FLAIR

GREER FAY CASHMAN

TEL Aviv hair stylist Amir Segev, who calls himself a hair sculptor, is incurring the wrath of rivals as well as manufacturers of hair-care products. Segev is advising his clients to wash their hair only once a week and dispense with conditioners, masks and all the rest.

Many creams, gels and lotions are a waste of money, he contends.

Since most hairdressing salons make money by selling hair-care products, Segev's campaign could harm them financially. He has also banned blow dryers from both his salons.

An advocate of towel drying and simply pushing or combing well-cut hair into place, Segev has devised Pisolicon and Pisolit for styling. These should be used sparingly, he says, with a 50-ml. jar lasting at least six months.

SEGEV'S HAIR-CUTTING techniques are featured in such international hairdressing catalogs as *Intercoiffure* and *Passion*. Recently, *Laurent*, the Polish catalog, named him one of the world's 12 most influential hairdressers.

He has developed an inverted, asymmetrical layer cut, with the shortest lengths on the bottom, instead of on top. "This kind of cut creates its own body, giving hair just the right amount of bounce," he says, adding that it allows for a lot of styling leeway.

The bangs, cut in varying lengths, can quickly be combed to emphasize either long or short bangs. A change of style can complement a change of mood.

The important thing, Segev says, is the right basic cut. "After that, every woman can become her own stylist."

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ROVER's local agent, Eastern Automobile Co., last year started importing the super-luxury, four-wheel drive (4wd) Range Rover and Discovery. It was pleasantly surprised by the sales figures, and thus decided to gamble on the British company's basic, tough-as-old-boots 4wd, the Defender (once known simply as the Land Rover).

The latest Defender has a beefed-up 3.5 liter, 134 hp engine; a model with a 2,500cc (107 hp) turbo-diesel engine is also available. But the essence of the Defender's design and construction hasn't changed since the first models were churned out in 1948 — simply because some ideas are so good, it would be foolish to change them.

The Defender's body panels are

still made of aluminum and they are highly corrosion-resistant. What has become one of the vehicle's greatest virtues was born out of necessity. During the postwar years, steel was in short supply, but large stocks of aluminum were available as aircraft production slowed down. The lighter aluminum is balanced by the tough, heavy steel used for the chassis, which gives the vehicle the low center of gravity that provides it with extra stability on uneven terrain.

The other feature that characterizes the Defender is the permanent 4wd arrangement introduced in the 1970s.

Traveling with 4wd on asphalt requires a third differential to balance the engine thrust evenly between the wheels.

In difficult conditions this differential can be locked by the flick of a lever, so that if the grip is lost by one, two, or even three wheels, the power is transferred to the moving wheel or wheels and the vehicle keeps rolling. There's also a selectable low-ratio option to reduce wheel spin.

The permanent 4wd is useful in, say, the UK, where even asphalt roads are difficult to navigate in winter. Here, it may increase stability and road holding, but it adds weight, reduces speed and in-

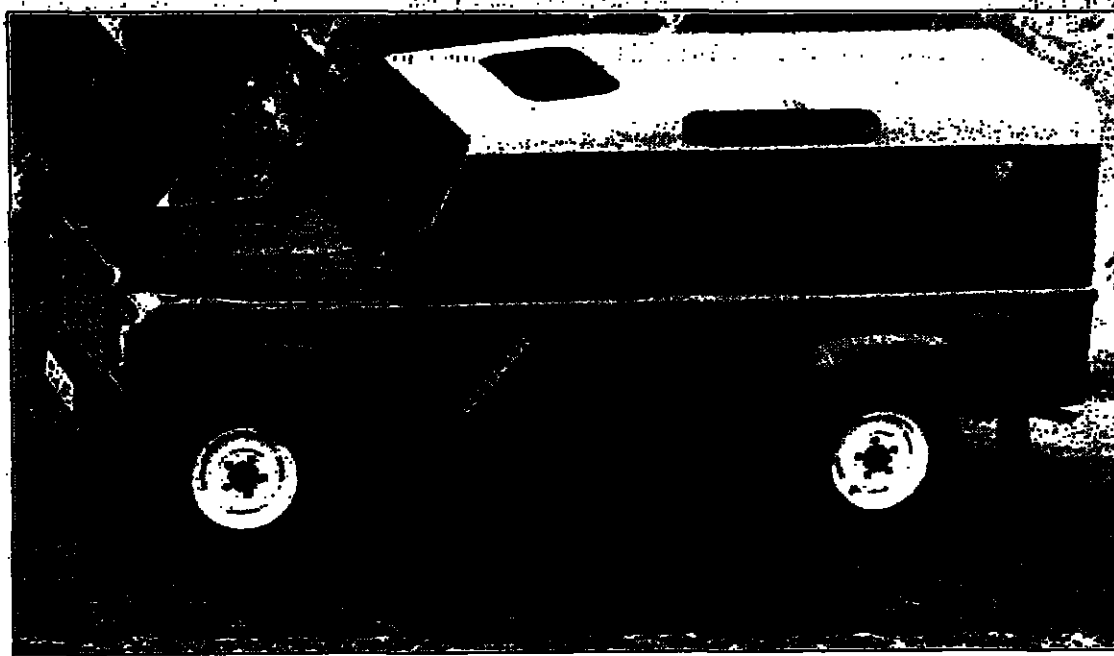
creases the gas consumption by a crippling amount.

The Defender comes in a variety of shapes and sizes. There's a "short jeep" version for five passengers and a truck which can take five passengers but also has a large loading box. I tested the "station wagon," which has room for ten — three in the front (including the driver), three in the second row of seats and four in the back compartment, two on each side.

Despite the addition of "luxuries" like power steering and air-conditioning, the Defender is strictly for the rugged. It's as ugly as a barge from the outside and not much prettier inside. There are hooks and holding grips stuck on at all angles, and a ladder runs from the back bumper to the roof.

There's no niche for a radio — it's an appendage, bolted onto the dash. The air conditioner is made locally (by Rasscor) and hums even louder than the big engine, and its rough-and-ready installation interferes with access to the window handles. None of the seats is particularly comfortable. The stiff gear-shift requires considerable strength to change and its long handle pokes into the middle front-seat passenger.

In order to export to countries that drive on the right, the British seem to have simply slapped the



The Land Rover Defender is made to be driven up rock-strewn mountain passes that would challenge a mountain goat, and it tackles quagmires as if they were the Ayalon Highway.

steering wheel on the other side, without making certain adjustments. The ignition switch, for example, is on the wrong (left) side of the steering wheel, and the pedals are awkwardly placed.

However, all this is forgotten once the Land Rover gets into the

outback. You can drive the Defender up rock-strewn mountain passes that would challenge a mountain goat, and it tackles quagmires as if they were the Ayalon Highway.

While other automobile designers invest time and money devel-

oping gadgets like power windows and digital climate controllers, those who work on the Defender increase strength and reliability with unseen innovations, like the coil-spring suspension which gives phenomenal wheel articulation. On the latest models, the wiring

harness has integrated connectors, directly molded onto the wiring and fully sealed against damp and dirt. There's also an ancillary fuse box under the hood to give extra protection.

The Defender's only competitor here is the Nazareth-assembled Sufa, which costs NIS 20,000 less and is more comfortably fitted out. However the Sufa, as good as it is, does not yet reach the off-road standards of the British car. Nor can the Sufa match the Rover's peerless reputation for reliability and durability.

The Defender is not another trendy 4wd for yuppies to use for family chores and an occasional "off road" run along Herzliya beachfront. It's the real McCoy, used by many armies and police forces, by 4wd freaks, by jungle explorers, desert busters and farmers who really need it. Anybody else who buys a Defender is wasting his money.

A driving course for owners of the Defender, Discovery and Range Rover 4wd has been organized by the local dealer. It will be run by professional drivers flown in from the Rover factory in the UK. The courses will be held next week, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For further details, call Na'ama or Limor at 03-5616985.

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The Jordanian turn

IT may be unfair to suspect the government of signing an agreement with the PLO only to hasten Jordan's active participation in the peace process. Such Machiavellian calculations are probably beyond it. But it does seem that the prospect of a PLO state on Jordan's borders did what some intensive cajoling had failed to do: it got King Hussein out of the peace closet. Until last week, Jordan was too worried about Hafez Assad to make formal peace. Now, having to weigh its fear of Damascus against the fear of an Arafat regime across the river, it has decided to take a decisive step towards formalizing its relationship with Israel.

Not that Hussein feels that he can ignore Assad. If he did, he would sign on the dotted line without delay. That he still says a peace treaty is months away, as he did yesterday in Amman, indicates he is cautious enough to wait for "a comprehensive peace" - the Arab euphemism for the simultaneous conclusion of agreements with Israel by all its neighbors.

But Hussein is not driven only by fears. He seems to have concluded that while Assad can threaten, he cannot help. And Jordan is in dire need of help which only the West - particularly the US - can extend. The prospect of American military and economic aid, including the cancellation of Jordan's debt, and the possibility that active Jordanian involvement with Israel may contain the Palestinian entity, have proved an irresistible combination.

That Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres knew how to respond to Hussein's requirements is testimony to their diplomatic skills. And that the US, which provided the essential economic carrot, put all its weight behind the budding agreement is evidence of its ability to play a truly constructive role in the negotiations.

Hussein will naturally try to get as much as he

can by way of Israeli concessions. Despite declarations that all that is needed for a signed agreement is a pen, some hard bargaining is in store. The danger is that Israel, eager to achieve at least one treaty with a neighboring country before the end of the year, will rush to agree on unnecessarily generous water arrangements and border changes. One should like to hope that the euphoria of the moment will not cloud the negotiators' judgment.

This is particularly important, because even after all the water and border disputes are resolved, the two sides will have to address the most central and difficult problem: Jerusalem. What Hussein said at his news conference in Amman may be meaningful. "The holy sites in Jerusalem belong to the Moslem world as a whole, and sovereignty over them belongs to God."

This may be Hussein's way of saying that he would agree to Israeli sovereignty over the whole city, provided that the Moslem holy places - mainly the Temple Mount - are excluded from such sovereignty and given special status under Hashemite guardianship. Obviously, this fits the government's concept of a final settlement far more than the PLO's demand for Palestinian sovereignty over the eastern part of the city. And it may well be that the government's recent clampdown on political Palestinian activity in the capital, which yesterday included barring PLO official Abu Ala from an economic conference in Jerusalem, is aimed at boosting the Jordanian option.

The government will have to maneuver carefully between the promises it has made to Yasser Arafat and the opportunities presented by an agreement with Jordan. That Israel and Jordan share a vital interest in preventing the establishment of a Palestinian state should provide the two governments with abundant incentive for close cooperation.

Woman of valor

DURING the Soviet era, the world got used to courageous dissidents and brave Jewish refuseniks. Most are thankfully free, but not so those outside the Cold War arena who continue to fight tyranny the only way they know how - with immense personal commitment and dignity. Few are more impressive than Burma's Aung San Suu Kyi, who this week marks five years under house arrest, separated from her husband because she refuses to bow to a military dictatorship.

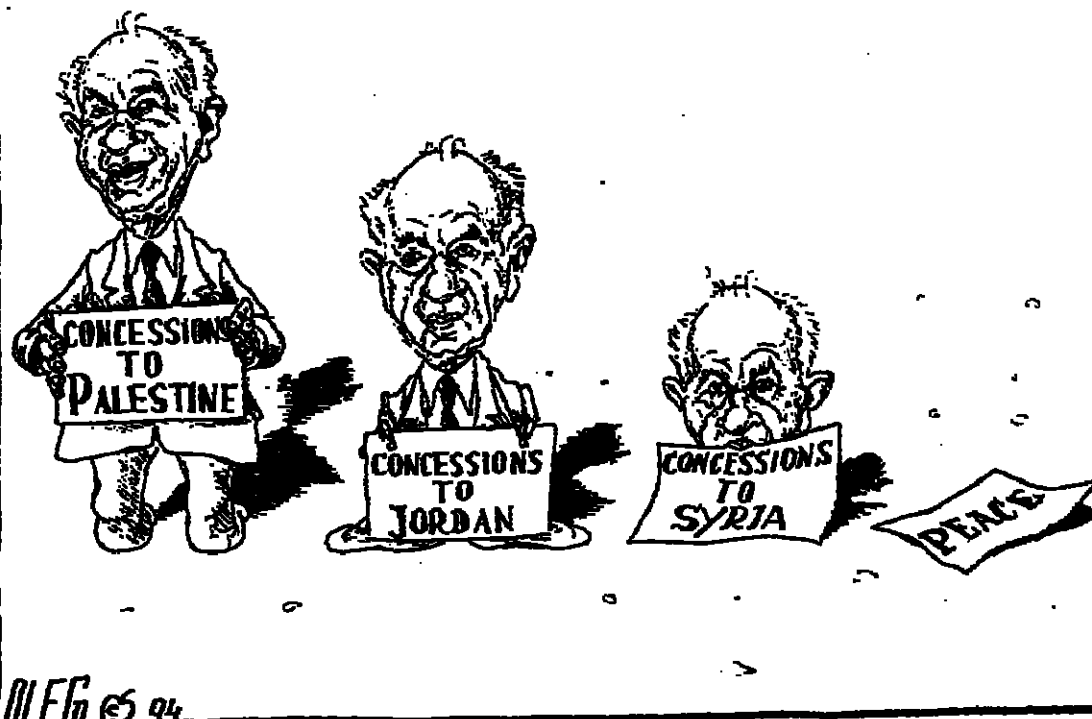
Amnesty International yesterday organized protests in 20 countries to remember her plight and 14 Nobel Peace laureates sent an open letter to Burma's military rulers demanding her release. If the history of previous dissidents is a lesson, this international support is absolutely essential and invaluable as long as Suu Kyi remains incarcerated. It may take dictators more time to learn history lessons than just plain folk, but the power of the just cause has been proved too many times for any of Suu Kyi's friends to despair.

Suu Kyi, the leader of Burma's pro-democracy movement, was arrested on July 20, 1989 under a law purporting "to safeguard the state from subversive elements." Unfortunately, when the

"subversive elements" are those running the state, the law is inapplicable. The Nobel committee awarded her the 1991 Peace Prize for her peaceful stand against tyranny.

Suu Kyi is no creation of foreign public relations. Visitors to Burma report that she has achieved near legendary status in a country whose deeply humanitarian Buddhist faith has been hijacked and corrupted by the junta. It is forbidden to discuss Suu Kyi and 26 jailed democratic parliamentarians, but reporters say Rangoon residents whisper even the most trivial news of "the Lady" from mouth to ear across the city. She has no other demand than that the junta deliver on its own promise to introduce democracy.

Earlier this year, she absolutely rejected the government's bid to free her - if only she would go into exile. In making the offer, the junta acknowledged its own powerlessness against such a moral force - in exactly the same way as the Soviets did with Alexander Solzhenitsyn and Natan Sharansky and apartheid rulers did with Nelson Mandela. It is certain that Suu Kyi will win as certainly as these great fighters did. It is equally important that she continues to get similar support from the free world and its leading institutions.



The blow on deaf ears

TWO Israeli prime ministers received warnings from president George Bush about Tehran's unleashing gangs of fanatical terrorists against Israeli and Jewish targets abroad. Yet neither Yitzhak Rabin nor Yitzhak Rabin did more than about the danger facing Israeli citizens and Jews living outside Israel.

The latest example of this "all-out Iranian-sponsored and organized fundamentalist war," as American officials have called it, was Monday's bombing of the Jewish community's center in Buenos Aires - very much more than a simple fit-for-tat revenge operation against recent Israeli actions in Lebanon.

The bombing was part of a long-term strategic plan of waging open war not only against Jews, but against the "Great Satan" himself. Included in the designation is the entire non-Moslem world, with the US as the personification of western decadence.

Prime Minister Rabin called the Buenos Aires explosion a deed of "Khmeimist satanic terror." It is connected to the car bomb which blew up the Israeli embassy in the same city over two years ago, an act in which 29 people were killed and more than 200 wounded.

The two attacks in Buenos Aires are linked to the massive blast at New York's World Trade Center, and to the plot to blow up major tunnels, FBI buildings and the UN headquarters.

The fanatical mullahs and other heirs of the ayatollah in Teheran gave the West a foretaste of their deadly design over a decade ago, when they bombed the US Marine base, the French army barracks and the American Embassy in Beirut, killing 258 Americans and 58 French paratroops and civilians. The suicide car bombers were trained by Iranians in the Bekaa Valley, with the connivance of the Syrian authorities who control the area.

George Bush was the first Western leader to grasp the Iranian fundamentalist leaders' deadly intent.

When an American official was assassinated in 1991, at the end of Operation Desert Storm, the Iranian embassy in Turkey launched a disinformation campaign alleging

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ing that Saddam Hussein, seeking revenge for his defeat at the hands of the American president, was behind the killing.

But a sophisticated American intelligence operation broke through the well disciplined, tightly controlled network of Iranian terrorist cells. The CIA soon reported that the Iranian government was waging an all-out terror war against the

Two prime ministers reacted passively to George Bush's warnings about Iranian plans to hit Israeli and Jewish interests abroad

West in general, in particular the US and Israel. The slaying of Americans in Lebanon and elsewhere all fitted into this pattern.

Bush passed on his information to prime minister Shamir, who until then had no solid information about the identity of those behind the bomb blast in the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires.

Shamir was surprised by Bush's information of Iranian complicity, and by Bush's gesture, since relations between himself and the US president had been at a low ebb. Bush and his secretary of state, James Baker, used this intelligence information as a carrot to win Shamir's continued cooperation in the US-brokered Madrid peace conference.

THE WARNING Shamir received was specific: "Take care to protect all your interests worldwide. The Iranians have plans to hit you, particularly in the Third World or Latin American countries, where security is lax." Similar warnings were issued to Rabin after he became premier.

And yet nothing changed in the 28 months after the embassy was devastated. Israeli intelligence failed to pick up any concrete prior intelligence warning of this week's attack. Nor was efficient security enforced at the headquarters of the largest Jewish organization in Argentina.

We were told by a veteran Israeli counterterrorism consultant: "It was as though the famed Israeli intelligence community had been numbed by the government's present peace initiative, in which 'No waves must be made to upset former enemies who are being treated as friends.'"

Despite their passive reaction to the US warnings about Iranian terror, the Israelis were able to return the favor after the World Trade Center bombing, when they passed on detailed information about the activities of the Egyptian mullah Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman. As a result, the sheikh and his band of plotters were arrested by American security services in a combined operation.

"The evidence provided by the Israelis," said an American official, "was not quite judicial, perhaps, but linked absolutely the terrorist activities with the government of Iran."

Shortly afterwards came the official announcement that the US regards Iran as a "state which supports terrorism."

The attempt in March this year to flatten buildings in the center of Bangkok with an explosive-filled oil truck was said by the Thailand police to be the work of the same group which blew up the World Trade Center. The plan failed only because of an accident on the way to the area which houses both the Israeli and American embassies.

Following the latest Buenos Aires tragedy, Rabin has called for "international cooperation" in combating terrorism. An Israeli intelligence analyst told us: "This is a sad admission that Israel cannot do the job. We will discover, yet again, that it can only be done if we do it ourselves."

Dennis Eisenberg and Uri Dan are the authors of the best-selling book *The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service*, and other books on the Middle East.

Friendly fire

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

ON the occasion of the Rabin government's second anniversary last Wednesday, the Likud initiated a debate in the Knesset plenary.

Said Likud Chairman Benjamin Netanyahu: "Nothing exemplifies the government's failure over the last two years more than the disgraceful event which occurred... at the Rafiah border crossing. The entry of the murderers of the children at Ma'alot, in Arafat's car, demonstrates that the PLO leader doesn't give a damn about the government - or about Rabin."

For the sake of accuracy, one ought to point out that soon after Netanyahu's speech, all four of the Palestinians in question were back outside the borders of the country.

While the PLO officials were undoubtedly connected with planning that terrorist operation 20 years ago, an operation which involved the taking of hostages inside Israel in order to exchange them for Palestinian captives in Israeli prisons, it is known today that most of the children at Ma'alot were killed by the fire of our own security forces, during the attempt to get them released without releasing any Palestinians.

It was a dirty war the Palestinian terrorist organizations and is-

The government is doing nicely, thank you, despite the Likud's mudslinging

rael were involved in in those days, and its rules were laid down by both sides: by the Palestinians, who didn't care how much innocent blood was spilled, and Israel, which refused to truck with the terrorists - even if, as a result, innocent blood was spilled.

Today, those who planned organized acts of terror on the Palestinian side and Israelis who were in charge of fighting them are coming to terms with each other and putting an end to the war.

While Arafat obviously tried to pull "a quick one," in smuggling in the four officials, that doesn't point to any effort on his part to reverse the peace process. Had he decided to bring in the four to plan new acts of terror, Netanyahu's complaint would have been more than justified.

As it is, far from exemplifying the government's "failure," the Rafiah incident showed it to be in pretty good shape.

THE CHAIRMAN of the Likud Knesset faction, Moshe Katzav, chose to attack the government from another direction, pointing to the recent reports of the state comptroller.

No one belittles the gravity of the state comptroller's findings, but a quick glance at the comptroller's reports for the years when the Likud was in power shows that abuse of power and outright corruption were much worse.

While the Likud is quite right to insist on the report's conclusions being fully implemented - and MK David Magen, chairman of the Knesset State Control Committee, is doing a good job in this respect - the Likud ought to walk humbly when it enters this field, instead of trying to take advantage of the public's short memory.

The Likud also attacked the government on the economic level, and here, the government's failure to bring down the rate of inflation to a single-digit figure is worrying.

However, the impressive rise in investment, production and exports and the fall in unemployment cannot be denied - not even by the Likud, assuming it is interested in the facts.

The Likud's attacks on Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss raise doubts on this score. "The Knesset Speaker is a hypocritical politician [political agent] who gets his instructions from the prime minister on how to run the Knesset in accordance with the government's needs," MK David Magen charged last week. He accused Weiss of deliberately manipulating the Knesset agenda so that the debate on the government's record would take place late at night.

The fact is that no one from the government or the Labor Knesset faction had spoken to Weiss about the agenda. The Likud did, and Weiss agreed to certain changes in the agenda.

Furthermore, if ever there was a Speaker who received direct instructions from the government, it was Dov Shilansky. During the last Shamir government, he stretched the Knesset regulations to such an extent, at the government's request, that even the High Court agreed to intervene.

The second anniversary of the Likud's return to opposition will not be remembered as one of its greatest hours.

The writer, a political scientist, is a member of the Labor Party Central Committee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANKS TO THE "POST"

Sir, - When I am in New York, I enjoy receiving the Friday edition of your newspaper. When I am here in Israel, I have the pleasure of reading it every day. I find it both informative as well as entertaining. For this I thank you.

I am writing this letter, however, to thank you for a more specific reason. Due to an advertisement in your paper, my family and I spent four days

at the Palm Beach Hotel, in Gush Katif. The accommodations were all that was promised and more. The food was delicious, the pool delightful, the staff always helpful. The view of the beach is breathtakingly beautiful. At all times there is a feeling of peaceful serenity. There was never a moment when we did not feel totally safe.

BERNARD DEUTSCH
Herziya (Brooklyn).

OPEN YOUR EYES

Sir, - Who is this Rabbi David Forman who wrote "Not even a slap on the wrist" in the Post of June 28? His bias against the settlers is all too apparent. I challenge him to go to the settlements and find more than a mere handful of Jews who advocate terrorism. The vast majority of settlers are law-abiding citizens who want nothing more than to live peacefully with their neighbors.

To me it is clear that the bottom line of the Arab intentions is to drive the Jews into the sea. I urge Rabbi Forman and his followers to open their eyes and ears and see and listen to what the Arabs are saying and doing. Why haven't the Arabs canceled the Palestinian Covenant as they promised to do last September? Why should we doubt Arafat's intentions when he spoke to a Moslem audience in Johannesburg a few weeks ago?

Where are the Arab voices of moderation? Where is the "Peace Now" of the Arabs? Where is the Moslem counterpart of "Rabbis for Human Rights"? Where is their "B'tselem"? To be sure, there have been cases of injustice toward our Arab neighbors. But we are in a state of war, and though I don't justify the above actions, I can understand them. Let Rabbi Forman direct his energy to finding cases of real injustice, but I urge him not to castigate all the settlers for the actions of a few.

I am frustrated at the attempts of people like Rabbi Forman to whitewash the Arab side and blacken our intentions. There is an old saying that applies in this case, namely "with friends like Rabbi Forman, who needs enemies!"

RON BELZER

Petah Tikva.

WHAT WAS FRIGHTENING

Sir, - If Penny Starr was trying to be humorous about Yasser Arafat ("Call it temporary insanity," *Tele-view* of July 8), her remarks were distinctly off-color. Worse, however, was her introduction of her personal political opinions under the guise of a TV review.

I participated in the Saturday night rally in Jerusalem's Zion Square against Arafat visiting Israel's capital and I found nothing "frightening" about it. I only regretted that many of the estimated crowd of 100,000 preferred to regard the occasion as a social event rather than a serious mass protest. I am terribly sorry that Ms. Starr was "ashamed" of the speakers. I am also ashamed of the cases of injustice toward our Arab neighbors. I am ashamed of an Israeli prime minister who legitimizes and shakes hands with a mass murderer.

Unlike Ms. Starr I was not "frightened" by the exhortations of the "three well-dressed, middle-aged men on the balcony" in Zion Square, but I was shocked by Arafat's attempt to incite the Palestinian masses in Gaza and Jericho with howls of "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Jerusalem." Listening to him, I was reminded ominously of other notorious rabble-rousers of this century.

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Jerusalem.

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I'm in a quandary about meeting my father's wife

DEAR RUTHIE
RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie,
My father had an affair while he was still married to my mother. Eventually, he married the woman. Our family was ripped apart, and it took me years to forgive him. I still want no contact with his wife.

However, he has just written to say they are coming to Israel on a business trip, and asks that I agree to see them together. I am in a quandary about what to do. If I agree, how can I tell my mother?

Daughter in a Dilemma
Somewhere in Israel

Dear D in D,

Refusing to meet with your father's wife is tantamount to a lack of forgiveness on your part. Your loyalty to your mother is understandable, but it won't make your father's spouse disappear. You must decide whether to come to terms with her existence, and, based on this decision, agree to meet her - or not.

If you do agree to a meeting, discuss it with your mother. She will be far more hurt if she learns about it from another source.

Dear Ruthie,

My two preteen boys have been spending the summer camped in front of the television. They have refused any other option. My problem: coming home after work to find the house in total chaos.

Help me before I do something drastic!

Working Woman in Woe
Sal't

Dear W-W in W,

You might have had to accept your sons' refusal to do anything but watch TV - but no way do you have to put up with their mess.

Nor need you resort to drastic measures. Just as there are rules of conduct in school and camp, so there should be rules at home.

Now do what you should have

done from the start: Lay down the law about how the place should look by the time you get home.

The punishment for failing to comply should fit the crime. For example, any mess left lying about means a more stringent cleaning job for the offender - such as the fridge or the oven. The car and the closets could come next.

Dear Ruthie,

The neighbor who shares a two-family house with me and my wife is a quiet man who keeps to himself. This only adds to our predicament.

His yard, separated from ours by a small fence, is a terrible eyesore. He collects any and every piece of junk other neighbors discard. He then places it all prominently on display. We've stopped inviting guests to sit outside with us.

My wife wants to construct a high trellis above the fence to block out the sight of the garbage. But that would block out all the light entering our neighbor's home. What do you advise?

Irate over Eyesore
Ashkelon

Dear Irate,

Tell your neighbor about the plan to put up the trellis. If he objects, suggest that he clear out his junk.

He is probably unaware that his yard is unattractive, so you'll have to be kind as well as firm. His hoarding of rubbish may be the result of an emotional disorder. If so, he is more likely to object to parting with it than to a dark house.

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, Jerusalem 91000. (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received.)



Legend has it that buried treasure lies beneath the shores of Gulliver's Cove in Digby Neck, Nova Scotia.

(Hartford Courant/Sieve Silk)

Along the Evangeline Trail in Nova Scotia

TRAVEL
STEVE SILK

ONE of the longest 'Main Streets in Canada' runs almost 320 km., from Yarmouth clear to the outskirts of Halifax. It seems to roll halfway across the world, from France and Scotland to colonial America.

You pass gargantuan wooden churches built by faithful French settlers, stockaded fortresses almost 400 years old, pastoral valleys stippled with fruit-heavy trees, rugged and rocky seacoast bays packed with fishing boats, and villages that put even the prettiest of postcards to shame.

They named it the Evangeline Trail, for the tragic heroine of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's epic poem about the expulsion of the first European settlers of Nova Scotia, the French. They were driven from their adopted homeland in 1755, victims of the struggle between France and England for mastery of the New World.

Nova Scotia's French settlers scattered throughout British colonies from Massachusetts to Louisiana, where an isolated group of French-speaking Americans came to be known as the Cajuns.

Cajun came from 'l'Acadie, or Acadia, as the French called their stretch of Nova Scotia coastline. It was a place of rural peace, a pasto-

ral paradise. And as increasing numbers of visitors are discovering, it still is.

The historic heart of old Acadia is Annapolis Royal, the cradle of Canada. For Canadians, it's Jamestown, Plymouth Rock and Philadelphia rolled into one.

Ironically, the town looks as if it might have been transplanted from New England's rocky soil. In a sense it was. Yankee loyalists fleeing the American Revolution flocked to Nova Scotia, and many settled in the area around the Annapolis River. More settled around the rim of the Annapolis Basin, a handsome estuary linked to the Bay of Fundy by Digby Gut, a channel.

Annapolis Royal has more than its share of historic landmarks. Nearby there's Port Royal National Historic Park, marked by a faithful replica of Canada's first settlement - the stockaded trading post founded by French adventurer Samuel de Champlain and Sieur de Monts in 1605. The post-and-beam extravaganza, reconstructed by the last of the region's

old-time shipwrights, is a wonder of craftsmanship.

IN TOWN, the Fort Anne National Historic Site belongs to a later era. This is the fourth fort built to defend the town, which sawed between the French and the English for 100 years. The first fort was built in 1643, when the French-ruled town was known as Port Royal. When the English finally assumed dominion in 1710, they dubbed the place Annapolis Royal, after Queen Anne.

Today visitors can ramble over massive earthworks surrounding the fortress and can sight down ancient cannons aimed downriver.

Less than a cannonball's flight distant, Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens display garden styles from Canada's past. Within its 10 manicured acres are formal Victorian arrangements, European-style knot gardens and a recreated Acadian cottage and adjoining vegetable plot.

Back downtown, you can take in the sights on a self-guided walking tour. Like many Nova Scotian

towns, Annapolis Royal has fallen on hard times, and the windows of once elegant shops now advertise used clothing for sale. But there's still a chic shop or two in town, not to mention a few fine restaurants and plenty of historic buildings, so it's a delightful place for strolling. Most explorers are drawn to the waterfront, where docks reach out into the Annapolis River. Across the waterway lie the picturesque white steeples and snug frame houses of Granville Ferry, one of the most photographed towns in the Canadian Maritimes.

The river, rushing out of the orchard-filled Annapolis Valley, is just the place to appreciate the quicksilver tidal changes for which the Bay of Fundy is famed. The tide rises and falls so quickly, you can watch it. A marker on one of the piers charts tidal changes of about 30 cm. every 15 minutes.

The moving water's power is harnessed by the Annapolis Royal Tidal Power Project, where the whooshing tides churn huge turbines to generate electric power. The facility is open for tours.

The next stop southbound on Nova Scotia's Main Street is Digby, home port for one of the world's biggest scallop-fishing fleets.

The town is also known for its smoked herrings, dubbed Digby Chicks after a stark Christmas Day when the locals had nothing to eat.

Fanning out across the base of a low hill, Digby is an inviting place for a walk, especially when morning fog blankets the basin, the fleet is in and clouds of gulls whirl through the skies.

The best thing about Digby is stone jutting into the Bay of Fundy. The whole peninsula is ideal for picnicking, hiking, gazing at spectacular rock formations or just admiring bays where quaint fishing villages are anchored.

At Gulliver's Cove, named for a pirate said to have buried his treasure nearby, visitors can poke around old fishing boats and examine the net and log weirs that local fishermen construct to trap fish swept back and forth by the sluicing tides. Though you won't unearth Gulliver's treasure, you might uncover a semiprecious stone or two on the beach.

(The Hartford Courant)

Driving to Eilat is a gas

TRAVEL TIPS
HAIM SHAPIRO

IN an effort to attract more Israeli visitors, several Eilat hotels are now offering a gas coupon for NIS 75 to reimburse guests who drive there.

The offer is valid for a minimum of two guests staying at least three nights for those who reserve their rooms directly through the hotel reservations department.

Participating hotels are the Adumit, Orchidea, Moon Valley, Galei Eilat, Holiday Inn, King Solomon, Princess, Red Rock, Lev Eilat, Lagoona, Neptune, Sonesta, Sport, Adl, Palace, Caesar, Club Inn, Carlton, Riviera, Red Sea Sport Club, Royal Beach and the Shalom Plaza.

HOLIDAY INN here is giving guests who stay this summer a voucher for NIS 250, valid for their next stay at any of the chain's hotels in this country.

TELEPHONE information about the times of departing and arriving flights at Ben-Gurion Airport is now available in Arabic, as well as Hebrew and English.

The number for information in Arabic is 03-973-1133, in Hebrew 03-973-1111 and in English 03-973-1122.

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AIRUK HAS announced that a child under 12 can fly free on most routes if accompanied by an adult paying the company's Visit Europe Fare, which is available from travel agents here.

This adult fare is \$105 between London and Paris, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Brussels, Dusseldorf, Edinburgh and Glasgow; \$135 between London and Munich; and \$135 between London and Copenhagen, Florence and Innsbruck.

FOR THOSE who want to see Europe from a recreational vehicle, Germany's MI-Mobile Homes has a selection ranging from one which sleeps two for DM 199 (about \$130) per day, to a luxury camper sleeping six for DM 337 (about \$220).

Rates are based on a two-week rental, during the summer, with slightly lower prices after August 31. The local representative is Opem Car Rental.

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A bird artist who soars through the realm of magic

THE BIRD ARTIST by Howard Norman. Farrar, Straus & Giroux. 320 pp. \$20.

WE do not die of being sick; we die of being alive," Montaigne wrote.

In Howard Norman's brief and measureless novel, four violent deaths are as lively as a convivial meal, sexual passion, the flight of birds, a painter's urge to portray them, a hunter's to slaughter them and the wavering wake of fishing dories hailing each other through the Newfoundland fog.

These things are high-colored and intense, and they are bubbles. Like the fishermen and their boats, the characters and their stories in *The Bird Artist* set out on courses, but their actual movement meanders on a sea that is enigmatic and still as a whole and - wave by wave - playful.

If modern physics builds mountains out of absurd dories of positively and negatively charged matter, Norman's metaphysics devises large human affairs out of frivolously and unstably charged particles of tragedy and comedy.

Seven years ago, Norman published *The Northern Lights*, set among the Inuits of Northern Canada. It was a magical romance, told with a restraint and lightness that ensured that neither the reader nor the remote society where it took place was in the least manipulated.

Unlike most second books that follow a brilliant first one, *The Bird Artist* is an

improvement. It is as light and magical, it is more searching and suggestive and it has no flaw at all.

The Bird Artist recounts in the first-person the growing-up of Fabian Vas in Witless Bay, Newfoundland, early in this century.

From childhood he drew and painted birds; and as an adult he makes most of his living doing it, along with a little shipyard carpentry. His story is dramatic, even melodramatic, but it is not told that way.

The voices that Norman gives him and the other characters are reflective and deflected; by turns aroused and relinquishing, wry and lyrical, comic and homesely.

"My name is Fabian Vas," the narrator begins, using the matter-of-fact airiness of Huck Finn or Ishmael to announce a story that may go anywhere at all. "You would not have heard of me."

"Obscurity is not necessarily failure, though I am a bird artist, and have more or less made a living at it. Yet I murdered the lighthouse keeper, Botho August, and that is an equal part of how I think of myself." So we know what happened and who did it right from the start.

Yet Fabian's account has the mystery and tension of a novel of suspense all the way through. It is the mystery of how people behave, of how life treats them, and of the antic calligraphy that quite disrupts the way

you would expect the markings of life and behavior to go. Since this is so much more than a genre book, the mystery is not dispelled at the end; only appeased.

Fabian is the son of Alaric, a restless, dreamy woman, and Orkney, a hard-working carpenter and bird-hunter who has yoked a limitless heart to a series of narrow and devoted purposes. For all of the book's characters, in fact, the fundamental transaction is the friction between their essential limitlessness and the limits they live in.

The result is never frustration - that would make the kind of realistic novel that Norman has no notion of writing - but a rainbow of unexpected colors.

The story, essentially, tells how Fabian is taught to abandon safety and take possession of his limitlessness; not by cracking open the world of Witless Bay but by cracking himself open while making some perceptible dents on that world.

The transformation will come from a series of joyful, disastrous or merely bemusing encounters in which he experiences, in doses ranging from tiny to overwhelming, the limitlessness of everyone else.

ON THE large side there is his stormy passion for Margaret, the daughter of the mail-boat captain. A precarious Beatrice composed of sex, vitality, fury and impene-

trable schemes, she will alternately lead and goad him through his journey.

There is Alaric's affair with Botho during her husband's long absence to harvest birds. There is Orkney's return, and an explosion of grief and shame that will propel Fabian to the lighthouse to shoot Botho with the gun Margaret has providently lent him.

There is Fabian's flight with his mother to Halifax to undergo a marriage she had arranged and he had been unable to resist.

Fabian will always be a bird artist - "God gave me a small talent to help clarify my world," he says in a moment of crisis - but by the end, he will use the small talent for something large: a mural that recapitulates everything that has happened.

It is a mural of modest figures, each with a glint of magic no more pretentious or unnatural than their shoe buckles. It is a mark of Norman's talent that he can make the description of a painting move us both as a dramatic climax and a reconciliation.

The Bird Artist has elements of fable and touches of magic realism. What is remarkable is the restraint and purpose with which Norman treats them. He does not decree moral or magic; he uses them the way they show themselves in our lives: as odd echoes, premonitions, surges of discovery, epiphanies.

The Bird Artist is essentially a classic story of a young man coming to terms with himself, with his art and with his life. All that is splendid and spectacular in the book is simply light, magically employed, to seek out what is real. (Los Angeles Times)

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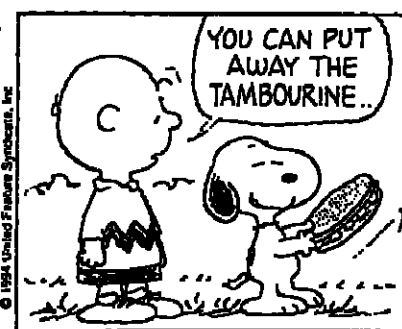
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MKs attack Fogel suggestions on rezoning land for housing

25% compensation for farmers blasted as not enough

EVELYN GORDON

MKs from across the political spectrum united yesterday to attack the Fogel committee's recommendations on rezoning agricultural land for building.

The Fogel committee decided to pay farmers who have leased state land 25 percent of the land's value as compensation for losing the right to farm it.

Although the state has the right to take the land back without the leaseholder's consent, the committee also decided that whenever possible, it will try to obtain the farmer's agreement.

Not surprisingly, members of the agricultural lobby objected violently to the proposal at a meeting of the Knesset economics committee.

Elie Goldschmidt (Labor) said 25% was far too little, and the full consent of the lessee must be obtained in every case.

"They are treating us as if we have no rights to the land," he said. "No one claims we own the land, but there's something between ownership and nothing."

"What this government is doing to farmers, even a Likud government wouldn't have dared to do," he said. "It's no wonder the farmers' greatest backing in the Knesset comes from the right!"



Goldschmidt: They are treating farmers as if they have no rights to the land. (Isaac Harari)

"There is no choice but to give the government a slap in the face and stop this!" agreed Shmuel Avital (Labor), another member of the agricultural lobby.

However, even those who are not

part of this lobby expressed strong opposition to the Fogel committee's recommendations.

"I'm from the municipal interest group," said Avi Yehzekel (Labor). As such, he said, his main interest is making affordable housing available to young couples as quickly as possible—and it would be worth giving the farmers more, he said, to ensure that their negotiations with the government do not drag on a long time, and then end in deadlock.

"The government has shot itself—not in the foot, but in the forehead," he added, warning that the government will fall if housing prices are not brought down.

Gideon Pati (Likud), who initiated the discussion, said if the government wanted to devote more land to construction, it could have sold other lands—it did not have to use lands which are leased to farmers.

If it does go ahead with this plan, however, it should at least devote some of the money it receives to covering the agricultural sector's debts, estimated at some NIS 15 billion, he added.

One MK, who asked not to be

identified because the agricultural lobby "is very powerful," said that in reality, he agreed with Treasury director-general Aharon Fogel's statement that the farmers are being overpaid.

"The agricultural lobby is trying to blackmail the government," the MK said, adding that if the government had any guts, it would simply take the land back in exchange for minimal compensation, as it is legally entitled to do.

Since it will not do so, however, it would be better to give the farmers what they want and settle the matter quickly than to fight over a bad compromise, the MK said.

Committee chairman Tzahi Hanegbi (Likud) said the committee will try to insist that all legislation on this matter go through the economics committee rather than the finance committee, so the MKs can make the changes they consider necessary.

However, it seems unlikely that the government would have an easy time in either committee. Finance committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) is a leading member of the agricultural lobby, and Goldschmidt, Avital and Yehzekel are all members of both committees.

Bezek proposes 'poor man's cellular phone'

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Communications Ministry is far from enthusiastic about a Bezek proposal to supply a "poor man's cellular phone" that is usable within a small radius, such as that which operates in parts of France.

Called CT-2, the cellular phone could receive calls from or make calls to any place in the world, provided that the user is located within a limited range of a few kilometers from a transmission station.

Bezek director-general Yitzhak Kaul applied yesterday for ministry approval for the proposed service.

He said Bezek intends to start the

service within university and hospital campuses to test its technological and economic aspects.

The Dassault aerospace and avionics company in France, which runs the service there, has already expressed interest in cooperating with Bezek in supplying CT-2 service here.

But the ministry spokesman said it "tends not to approve CT-2 for use in urban areas," because it would harm efforts to introduce the second cellular phone service, in which the Cellcom consortium is investing hun-

dreds of millions of dollars, as well as harm existing Telephone service.

He added, however, that the ministry would consider allowing CT-2 service within campuses and other institutional locations "if frequencies were available."

Bezek said if it received ministry approval, it could start the service experimentally within a few months.

The system uses conventional cellular phones, which could be disconnected from CT-3 at any time and hooked up to the regular cellular phone infrastructure, but for a higher price.

Scitex settles class-action lawsuit for \$1.9 million

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

SCITEX Corp. yesterday announced it has agreed to settle for \$1.9 million a class-action lawsuit filed against it and some of its officers and directors last year.

The lawsuit was brought by two plaintiffs seeking to represent a class of shareholders who purchased Scitex common stock during the period May 13, 1993 through July 1, 1993.

The plaintiffs claimed violations of US securities laws, allegations which were vigorously denied by Scitex. The

suit alleged the company violated the law with its July 1993 report of lower-than-expected results for the second quarter.

Scitex said the settlement was entered into to avoid the expense and distraction of a long litigation process.

A substantial part of the settlement is expected to be paid by Scitex's insurance carrier. The settlement is subject to court approval and certain other terms and conditions.

State company must refund money it stole from workers

EVELYN GORDON

THE Economic and Cultural Activities for Civil Servants Corporation must act immediately to refund money it has stolen from workers, the Knesset state control committee demanded yesterday.

The company, which was established by the government and the civil servants union to provide welfare services to civil servants, has been guilty of a long series of offenses, according to the recent state comptroller's report.

The company originally raised money by selling shares to government employees, but due to the enactment of a new securities law, it was unable to distribute NIS 4.3 million worth of these shares.

However, the report said, it made no effort to refund the money to workers who did not receive shares.

Furthermore, civil servants who return are entitled to redeem their shares only at their nominal value. Since the shares are denominated in old Israeli pounds, this policy makes them worthless.

The comptroller also found that the company's fund for aid to distressed workers gave loans not to the needy but to those with connections.

Workers who met all the fund's ostensible criteria were often given pitances or denied help entirely, she wrote.

Meanwhile, generous loans were given to those who were completely

ineligible but who happened to work in either the Civil Service Commission or Bank Yahav, which is jointly owned by the company and Bank Hapoalim.

The comptroller also noted that the company published its notices of shareholders' meetings exclusively in the Agudat Yisrael newspaper Hamodia.

Company chairman Menahem Levine told the committee that the company has taken the comptroller's report to heart.

It has changed its criteria for the aid fund, and is ensuring that they are adhered to, he said, and it has hired an organizational consultant to make recommendations for the future.

However, committee members were not satisfied with this statement.

Committee chairman David Magen (Likud) demanded that the company immediately publish ads in all the newspapers telling civil servants who never received the shares they bought that they can ask for their money back.

He also demanded that people who received unjustified assistance from the company's aid fund be forced to return the money.

Rehavim Ze'evi (Molodet) said that as a former civil servant, he will consider organizing a class-action suit against the company if it does not refund the money for the shares it sold but never distributed.



Several synagogues have ordered bars to place around their Torah arks following a spate of thefts recently, according to Avi Korman, marketing director of Trelidor, the Karmiel company that makes the bars. Korman said the folding bars are ideal, because they fit inside the ark and "are easy to open during prayers."

Greenspan: Further rise in rates possible

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan left open the possibility that the central bank will raise interest rates further to head off inflation and prolong the economic expansion.

In his mid-year Humphrey-Hawkins report to Congress on the state of the economy, Greenspan said yesterday it was an "open question" whether the Fed's four interest rate increases so far this year would be enough to stem inflationary pressures.

He said he saw signs that the economy was running into the sort of bottleneck that often presages higher inflation, and said the central bank needed to be "particularly" alert to that.

"It is an open question whether our actions to date have been sufficient to head off inflationary pressures and thus maintain favorable trends in the economy," Greenspan said in his prepared testimony

to the Senate banking committee. The jobs market has been quite strong and the extra slack in the economy appears to be "relatively small," despite some hints recently that the growth of demand is slowing, he said.

The "substantial" drop of the dollar in recent months is likely to put upward pressure on inflation over the next year if the currency's weakness is not reversed, he added.

In their economic projections for 1994 and 1995, Fed policymakers forecast slower economic growth next year but no further progress in reducing inflation.

Specifically, they see growth slowing to between 2.5 percent and 2.75 percent next year from between 3.0 percent and 3.25 percent in 1994. Consumer price inflation is expected to show little change, going from a range of between 2.75 percent and 3.0 percent this year to between 2.75 percent and 3.5 percent in 1995.

Court appoints permanent receiver for Dumax

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Tel Aviv District Court yesterday appointed attorney Avigdor Lev Ari as permanent receiver for Dumax, the importer and manufacturer of gold and jewelry.

The appointment was made at the request of Bank Hapoalim and done with Dumax's agreement.

In the request, Bank Hapoalim said Dumax received credit from the bank to finance its ongoing activities and to purchase equipment for its plant.

In June 1987, Dumax mortgaged all its assets and property with Bank Hapoalim as a guarantee that it will repay its debt to the bank, which reached \$5.3 million at the end of last May.

The bank said Dumax has stopped repaying its debts to the bank, and Hapoalim and Dumax's joint efforts to find an investor to purchase the company's assets have failed.

Hapoalim said the company recently sent its works on forced leave and closed its plants.

Dumax is controlled by gold merchant David Walkan.

Discount signs \$12.7m. credit-line deal with Turkmenistan bank

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

ISRAEL Discount Bank has signed a \$12.75 million credit line agreement with the State Bank for Foreign Economic Affairs of Ashkhabat, Turkmenistan.

Discount is the first Israeli bank to sign a commercial agreement with Turkmenistan.

The bank said the success of the agreement is expected to pave the way for other agreements of this kind in the future.

The five-year agreement is intended to finance Merhav (MNF) export of agriculture products and equipment.

The company has commercial agreements with the authorities in Turkmenistan.

Discount has received documentary credit of \$5m. from the Turkmenistan bank to guarantee that Merhav will receive payment for export products purchased from local suppliers.

Bio-Tech reports \$400,000 in profits

RACHEL NEIMAN

BIO-TECHNOLOGY General has reported a \$400,000 second quarter net profit, compared to a net loss of \$2.4m. in the same period last year. Revenues rose 134 percent to \$7.8m. from \$3.3m. Earnings fell to \$0.01 per share from \$0.07.

The company said results included an extraordinary gain of \$1.5m. due to debt forgiveness. Product sales for the first six months of the year rose 191% to \$8.5m. from \$2.9m.

BTG's leading products are Bio-Tropin recombinant human growth hormone, BioLan hyaluronic acid solution and Oxandrin for pediatric growth disorders.

During the first half of the year, the company started sales to Latin America and the Far East.

Local metal companies sign deals in China

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

SEVERAL local metal companies have signed contracts with Chinese firms this week, the chairman of the Manufacturers Association's metal and electricity division said yesterday.

Zvi Plada is currently heading a delegation of industrialists to China, Burma and Vietnam to collect information for assisting Israeli companies doing business there.

During the next few days, the delegation is scheduled to meet with Burma's agriculture minister and industry and commerce minister.

In China, the delegation's representatives signed a number of know-how and joint industrial cooperation agreements.

Zika Electrode Works general manager Israel Shoham has signed a joint research agreement in the aluminum welding field for the Chinese aviation industry.

The company hopes to sign an agreement with the major metal institute in Beijing and with a local wire welding and electrode manufacturing company.

Gamma Aluminum, which is managed by Plada, has signed an agreement in principle with the Shantung province to establish a joint plant near the Korean border.

The company has also signed a memorandum of understanding with a Shanghai firm interested in purchasing aluminum painting technology and equipment from Gamma. Plada said another Shanghai company wants to establish a shutters manufacturing plant with Gamma.

Tadiran Electrical Appliances Industries general manager Moshe Erez is reportedly interested in selling re-

frigerators, air conditioners and other products in China, Burma and Vietnam.

Tadiran is in preliminary negotiations with local companies to work on a joint partnership. The company is interested in owning 51 percent of the project.

The association said Deutsch Dagen, the manufacturer of electrical and fiber-optic connectors, is about to sign an agreement with a company based in Shanghai.

Hish Processing and Conveying Technology is also examining the possibility of signing joint partnership agreements with Chinese firms.

The delegation reported that Hatzof Tankers and Refuelers has signed a memorandum of understanding with a local entrepreneur to jointly establish a refrigerator containers manufacturing plant at a total investment of \$1 million.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Lanet starts marketing new version of intelligent hubs system: Lanet has begun marketing its new version of its intelligent hubs management system. The upgraded MultiManOV 2.0 allows for management of up to 256 separate virtual LAN networks, configuring groups of users and granting common access to information in a secure, interference-free environment. The word "virtual" in this case refers to an entirely software-driven, flexible system.

State subsidy for zone A housing approved: Finance Minister Avraham Shohat yesterday approved Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer's proposal to pay for half the residential housing, infrastructure development costs for "build-your-home" projects in national priority zone A. The subsidy is intended to attract the financially better-off to live in the country's periphery.

Tenders for new housing set for publication today: The Housing and Development Ministry and The Israel Land Development Authority will publish tenders for construction of 2,562 housing units today. The housing units will be constructed in Safed, Ma'at, Beersheva, Harish, Ashdod, Kiryat Ata, Ashkelon and Rishon LeZion.

WORLD BRIEFS

Bundesbank makes further cut in money-market rate: The Bundesbank made another small cut in a key money-market interest rate yesterday, but traders said the easing gave no clues on whether the central bank would lower official rates today. The German central bank allowed the securities repurchase, or repo, rate to fall by three basis points to 4.88 percent.

At its weekly tender for repo funds - which banks borrow in exchange for securities which they then repurchase at a later date - the central bank said it had allocated funds at a lowest rate of 4.88%. That compared with last week's lowest rate of 4.91%. The move came one day before the Bundesbank's policy-setting council is to meet for the last time before its summer recess. *Reuters*

Compaq profits nearly double: Compaq Computer Corp., the leading maker of personal computers, said yesterday it nearly doubled its profits in the second quarter and said it sees continued strong demand through the rest of the year. Compaq said its earnings jumped 95 percent to \$210 million, or 78 cents a share, from \$102m., or 40 cents a share, a year earlier. It reported record sales of \$2.5 billion, a 53% increase from \$1.63b. *Reuters*

US June homebuilding slumps sharply: Construction starts on new homes and apartments in the US took an unexpectedly big tumble in June, the Commerce Department said yesterday, as rising interest rates took a toll on building activity. The annual rate of starts on new homes slumped 9.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.35 million units after a revised rise of 1.8% in May. Wall Street economists had forecast only a moderate easing in June starts to a rate of 1.47 million a year.

Mortgage rates have risen significantly since touching bottom last summer. The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., or Freddie Mac, said the 30-year mortgage loan rate last week had risen to 8.72%, or about 30% above the low of 6.74% touched last October. *Reuters*

Copper price roars to new high: Copper prices, already buoyed by growing demand in industry, surged to a two-year high yesterday as speculators bought up the metal betting that it was destined for further gains, traders and analysts said. London Metal Exchange prices hit a high of \$2,557 a tonne at one stage, more than \$100 above Tuesday's low and the highest since July 1992. *Reuters*

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Paish (foreign currency deposit rates) (20.7.94)			
Currency (deposit term)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (USD100,000)	4.00	4.50	4.875
Pound sterling (£100,000)	3.825	3.875	4.875
German mark (DM 200,000)	3.875	3.875	4.000
Swiss franc (CHF 200,000)	3.125	3.125	3.375
Yen (¥10 million)	0.500	0.500	0.750

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (20.7.94)			
Currency basket	BUY	SELL	Rate
U.S. dollar	3.950	3.950	2.97
German mark	1.918	1.947	3.11
Pound sterling	4.897	4.731	1.07
French franc	0.297	0.297	4.79
Japanese yen (100)	3.235	3.025	0.54
Dutch guilder	1.710	1.744	0.63
Swiss franc	2.577	2.597	1.76
Swedish krona	0.287	0.287	2.28
Norwegian krone	0.437	0.442	0.40
Denish krone	0.467	0.456	0.45
Finnish mark	0.571	0.572	0.50
Canadian dollar	2.188	2.198	0.80
Australian dollar	2.248	2.252	0.80
S. African rand	0.8215	0.831	2.20
Belgian franc (10)	0.9310	0.931	0.76
Austrian schilling (10)	2.728	2.784	0.96
Italian lire (1000)	1.918	1.947	0.89
Japanese yen (100)	1.918	1.947	0.89
Spanish peseta (100)	2.270	2.288	0.82
Portuguese escudo (200)	2.270	2.288	0.82
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* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

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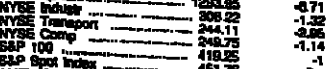
Key Representative Rates

US dollar ...NIS 3.0440	+0.73%
Sterling ...NIS 4.7010	-0.36%
Mark ...NIS 1.9333	-0.57%

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

Andre Lumbroso

Two-Sided rises 1.2% on turnover of NIS 222m.



THE market remained optimistic yesterday, as prices rose on a broad front. The Two-Sided index went up 1.2 percent, the Maof 1.6% and the Karam 2.9%. Turnover was relatively high at NIS 222 million.

The fact that the rises were lower than they had been in recent days must be seen in context with the higher than usual turnover.

What differed from the previous days was the fact that there were sellers, so there could be a meeting of buyers and sellers. This contrasts with the picture that has become the norm, namely prices rising while buyers chase after sellers.

The fact that the rise of the Maof Index was higher than that of the Two-Sided can be tied to a rumor which has been circulating in the corridors and the trading floors of the stock market, namely that foreign investors were back in force.

In previous days, the high turnovers of Koor were explained by precisely that phenomenon. Yesterday, it was the turn of other securities, ones which also are in the front line of the Israeli economy.

The Cial group now holds the center of attention. Cial Industries rose 5.5% on a turnover of NIS 18.5m. Koor went up 3% on a turnover of NIS 12.1m.

Bezek also had a relatively high turnover, at NIS 5.7m.

The demand for the speculative issues on the Two-Sided market appeared somewhat, although they rose relatively moderately.

Evergreen was up 4.8%, Ormat rose 4.2%, Bulus went up 6.4% and Hanel 5.7%. Among the more solid issues, First International Bank and 5 rose respectively by 5.3% and 4% and Cial Electronics by 4.4% (a spillover of the foreign interest for Cial Industries).

Liphshitz was up 9.8%, under the influence of the struggle for the control of the company. It is rare here to see such conflicts, which are quite common on foreign stock markets.

The race between the Karam and the Two-Sided indexes seems to have resumed. The Karam had declined sharply during the black days of the last two months to below the level of the Two-Sided.

Now both are at the same level. This is an indication that the speculators are still around.

The Karam market has not solved, however, the problem of the very low turnovers.

These rarely pass the NIS 50m. mark, including the Parallel list. We are still confronted with the sharp rises caused by ridiculously low turnover. Baruch 1 rose 8.2% on a turnover of NIS 18,000, while Barzel went up 4.7% on a turnover of not more than NIS 2,000.

FTSE Index drops, unsettled by Greenspan's remarks

World Market Roundup

LONDON (Reuters) - Equities finished broadly lower, with the market unsettled by comments from US Federal Reserve chief Alan Greenspan, who suggested US interest rates might have to be raised to curb inflation.

By the official close, the FTSE 100 Index was down 14.1 points at 3,077.2.

FRANKFURT - German share prices closed off a technical rebound, underpinned by futures buying.

Dealers said the mood was buoyed after the DAX managed to stay above the important 200-day moving average at around 2,121.

The DAX-30 Index closed 9.86 points higher at 2,138.65.

PARIS - French shares ended off their lows after slumping more than one percent during the afternoon on comments made by Greenspan.

Weaker bonds and profit-taking before the end of the account on Friday also weighed on share prices, but dealers said sentiment was still positive.

The CAC-40 Index ended down 8.61, or 0.42%, at 2,043.72.

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Mac. Haifa draws Salzburg in European Cup first round

ORI LEWIS and news agencies

ISRAEL'S top three soccer teams got the big news yesterday when they discovered their opponents in the upcoming European club competitions as UEFA made the draw in Geneva.

National League champions Maccabi Haifa meet Austrian champions Salzburg in the European Cup, State Cup winners Maccabi Tel Aviv play IBK Keflavik of Iceland in the Cup-Winners' Cup and Hapoel Beersheba take on Aris Salonika of Greece in the UEFA Cup.

The two respective league champions of Israel and Austria last season, will play for a place in the prestigious Champions' League over two legs, on August 10 and 24.

Salzburg, last season's losing UEFA Cup finalists, will be a very tough proposition for Giora Spiegel's men from Haifa. The first match is due to be played in Israel, with the return leg in Austria.

The winners of the two-leg encounter will join Europe's soccer elite in the Champions' League, which has been expanded this season and will be divided into four round-robin groups of four teams.

Should Maccabi Haifa make it through the first round, they will enter Group B with cup holders AC Milan, three-time winners Ajax Amsterdam and the winners of the clash between Glasgow Rangers and AEK Athens.

The eight leading champion clubs of Europe were seeded in the groups, the eight others who win through the first round, therefore, can expect the prospect of hosting some of the cream of Europe.

Barcelona, losing finalists last May, and Manchester United will play in the same group. Manchester



LUCK OF THE DRAW - Lennart Johansson (l), UEFA president, and Jean Fourmet-Fayard, vice-chairman of the UEFA Club Competition's Committee, make preliminary draws.

United could meet Galatasaray, which put them out in the second round last season, in the same group if the Turks beat Avenir Beggen of Luxembourg in their preliminary round tie.

Bayern Munich went into group two with Spartak Moscow, while Benfica of Portugal and Anderlecht of Belgium meet in group three.

Maccabi Tel Aviv appears to have had the best of the draw of the three

Israeli teams. Their opponents, Iceland's IBK Keflavik, are as yet an unknown proposition for coach Avraham Grant. Grant admitted to knowing absolutely nothing about his club's upcoming opponents and said he would have to start learning about Icelanders.

The first round is scheduled for Iceland on August 11 with the return leg to be played at Ramat Gan on August 25.

Maccabi's participation in the Cup-Winners' Cup is in the 12th preliminary round.

The UEFA Cup preliminary round involves 27 ties, being played in regional knockout groups. Hapoel Beersheba plays away to Aris Salonika on a date to be arranged between August 9 and 11 with the return leg in Israel due sometime between August 23 and 25.

UEFA boss: No leniency towards Maradona

GENEVA (Reuters) - UEFA president Lennart Johansson said on Tuesday he would show no leniency towards suspended Argentine captain Diego Maradona, who tested positive for doping during the World Cup.

Maradona was suspended indefinitely last month by FIFA, the game's world governing body, for taking a cocktail of drugs containing a number of banned substances.

"I strongly disagree with FIFA president Joao Havelange who feels Maradona should not be punished too severely given the circumstances of his case," Johansson told reporters on the eve of the draw for UEFA's club competitions.

"I should like to make clear this is my personal view and of course I shall discuss it with my executive committee colleagues for a general consensus," added the head of European soccer's governing body, FIFA's most powerful confederation.

"I appreciate this is a matter for FIFA's disciplinary committee and the final decision will come from it, but we will make our views known."

Maradona, one of the world's best players and a one-time cocaine abuser, tested positive for ephedrine, a banned stimulant found in many over-the-counter medi-

cines, and four other related prohibited substances, according to FIFA.

His suspension, one of the biggest shocks in World Cup history, came just hours before he had been due to make a record 22nd finals appearance in Argentina's match against Bulgaria in the Dallas Cotton Bowl.

FIFA suspended Maradona on June 30 for the duration of the tournament pending a decision after the July 17 final. It said the case would probably be heard at a meeting in August or early September at FIFA's Zurich headquarters.

Johansson, who is also a FIFA vice-president, said he had been in charge of the dope-control formalities when the first sample tested positive.

"The Argentine officials and team doctor charged there had been irregularities in the procedure and the second sample was accordingly tested."

Both samples showed positive after analysis at the UCLA doping laboratory in California.

Johansson said he felt it was wrong that the 33-year-old Argentine had been given media accreditation to work as a commentator after the suspension.

"I could not understand this. It seemed so wrong to me when you took into account the history."

Tour de France lightweight conquers tough Alpine course

VAL THORENS, France (AP) - The lightest rider in the Tour de France, Nelson Rodriguez of Colombia, conquered a tough Alpine course yesterday while Italian Marco Pantani recovered from a fall to move into third place.

Miguel Indurain stayed well in command overall with four days left in cycling's most prestigious race. He finished the daily stage in fifth.

In the stage contest, Rodriguez beat Piotr Ugrumov of Latvia in a final sprint about a minute ahead of Pantani, who took third in both the stage and in the overall standings.

Rodriguez, who was sixth in the Tour of Italy, is the smallest rider in the pack at 51 kilograms.

The stage had three climbs to peaks over 1,900 meters, including the last haul up to Val Thorens, the highest ski resort in Europe, almost 2,300 meters.

Rodriguez, Bjarne Riis of Denmark and Ugrumov had built up a lead of more than five minutes at the base of the Val Thorens climb, with 35 kilometers to go in the 143-kilometer stage. But Riis fell behind and Rodriguez and Ugrumov were left to battle for the stage win.

Pantani had taken a hard fall early in the day and was reportedly on the verge of quitting with a knee injury. But he got back on and it paid off as he moved from fifth place overall to third.

Behind the stage winners lay a group that included Indurain and the rest of the overall leaders. Various riders from different teams took turns at the head in an attempt to wear Indurain out, but Indurain never slackened, and as usual made it look effortless.

Richard Virenque of France stayed in second place, 7:21 behind Indurain. Pantani moved into third, 8:11 behind, and Luc Leblanc dropped to fourth.

About 30 riders, including some



LEADER OF THE PACK - Miguel Indurain maintains a commanding lead in the Tour de France.

top names such as Djamolidine Abdoujaparov of Uzbekistan, Raul Alcalá of Mexico and Monday's stage winner, Eros Poli of Italy, finished more than 25 minutes behind.

They should have been disqualified for being outside the maximum time limit. But officials convened and allowed them to continue to keep the pack at more than 100 riders.

South Africa advances in Federation Cup

FRANKFURT (AP) - Elna Reinsch and Marianne De Swardt combined to beat Miriam Oremans and Kristie Boogert 6-2, 7-5, giving 14th-seeded South Africa a 2-1 upset over the No. 7 seed Netherlands yesterday at the Federation Cup.

Oremans beat Reinsch 6-4, 7-5 in the opening singles but Joannette Kruger, ranked 60th by the WTA Tour, got South Africa even by upsetting 25th-ranked Brenda Schultz 6-4, 6-0.

Reinsch and De Swardt then used the momentum to complete the upset and put South Africa into the quarter-finals.

Elsewhere yesterday, France and Japan swept to 3-0 victories and host Germany beat Slovakia 2-1, advancing them to the quarter-finals.

France's Julie Halard easily beat Italy's Silvia Farina in the first set, struggled with her serve in the second but rallied to win 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

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Final Standings	W	L	Pct.	GB
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2. x-Crazy Richards	15	5	.750	-
3. x-Hispanic Benny	14	6	.700	-
4. x-Pasta La Pizza	14	6	.700	-
5. x-Apple Pizza	14	6	.700	-
6. x-Andy Samuels	13	7	.650	2
7. x-Shari Tel Tigres	9	11	.450	6
8. x-Zionists	11	9	.550	4
9. LeChaim Traus	11	9	.550	4
10. Maccabi Stern	9	11	.450	6
11. Kalia Poles	7	13	.350	8
12. Gator Guest Center	6	13	.325	8.5
13. Shomron	6	13	.325	8.5
14. Mash Pub	6	13	.325	8.5
15. The Maccabees	4	16	.200	11
16. Gator Vindicator	1	17	.050	13

Yesterday's game: Shari Tel vs. Crazy Richards.

Today's games: Hassan Benny vs. Arch. Samuels, 10:00; Pasta La Pizza vs. Big Apple Pizza, 12:00.

Tomorrow's game: Dan Schneider vs. Zionists, 14:00.

McGwire snaps Yanks' 5-game win-streak

OAKLAND (AP) - Mark McGwire's three-run homer in the fifth inning Tuesday night led the Oakland Athletics to a 6-2 victory over New York, ending the Yankees' five-game winning streak.

The Athletics, who had dropped four of their previous five games, scored four runs in the fifth off Jim Abbott (7-7).

Abbott, who has won only once since May 25, allowed seven hits and struck out one in six innings.

Danny Tartabull and Paul O'Neill hit back-to-back homers off reliever Mark Ayres to start the eighth.

The Yankees out-hit the Athletics 13-8, but stranded 13 runners.

Pitching for the first time in 11 days, Bobby Witt (8-5) threw five scoreless innings, allowing seven hits. The right-hander, who had been sidelined with a strained right cage muscle, struck out five and walked three.

Angels 6, Red Sox 4
Mark Langston pitched four innings for the first time in his career and Chad Curtis drove in three runs for the host Angels.

Curtis and Chili Davis each hit two-run homers to power the Angels to their fourth straight victory over the Red Sox, after losing their first seven meetings of the season.

Langston (6-6) allowed three runs and four hits over seven innings. Joe Gable pitched the ninth for his 13th save.

Clemens (8-5) held California hitless through the first three innings before Spike Owen led off the fourth with a single.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Phillies 5, Giants 2
Danny Jackson pitched eight strong innings and the host Phillies stopped a nine-game winning streak.

The Giants had been 9-0 since Darrell Strawberry joined them. But Strawberry, who left Monday night's game in the second inning with a sore left hamstring, went 0-for-4 and struck out twice.

Pete Incaviglia hit a three-run homer in the sixth for a 4-2 lead, pinning the loss on Bud Black (3-1). Incaviglia also hit a three-run homer Monday night.

Expos 4, Padres 3
The Expos beat San Diego for the 11th time without a loss this season, taking advantage of four errors.

Shortstop Luis Lopez made a wild throw that set up two unearned runs. The

Padres, who lead the majors with 90 errors, made three errors Monday night in a 9-2 loss at Montreal.

The Expos scored three unearned runs off Andy Ashby (4-9) to win their 11th straight at home against San Diego. The last time the Padres won at Olympic Stadium was July 19, 1992 - exactly two years ago.

Montreal ran its record to 21-2 against San Diego since the start of last season.

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

American League

BATTING - O'Neill, New York, .383; Thomas, Chicago, .375; Lofgren, Cleveland, .361; Bille, Cleveland, .350; Davis, California, .343; Boggs, New York, .342; Palmeiro, Baltimore, .338; Molitor, Toronto, .338.

RUNS - Thomas, Chicago, 97; Lofgren, Cleveland, 85; Canseco, Texas, 78; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 77; Phillips, Detroit, 76; Baege, Cleveland, 74; Bille, Cleveland, 73.

RBIs - Puckett, Minnesota, 87; Carter, Toronto, 67; Thomas, Chicago, 64; Franco, Chicago, 62; Bille, Cleveland, 79; Sierra, Oakland, 78; Wicker, Texas, 78; Canseco, Texas, 78.

HITS - Lofgren, Cleveland, 132; Baege, Cleveland, 128; Bille, Cleveland, 122; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 120; Puckett, Minnesota, 118.

HOME RUNS - Griffey Jr., Seattle, 35; Thomas, Chicago, 34; Bille, Cleveland, 27; Canseco, Texas, 25; Fierro, Detroit, 25; Vaughn, Boston, 21; Sierra, Oakland, 20; Carter, Toronto, 20.

STOLEN BASES - Lofgren, Cleveland, 48; Coleman, Kansas City, 46; Nixon, Boston, 38; Krieger, Minnesota, 27; Byrd, Baltimore, 28; McRae, Kansas City, 23; Lofgren, Chicago, 23; Javier, Oakland, 23.

PITCHING (10 Decisions) - Key, New York, 14-2, 87.5; 3.21; Bero, Chicago, 10-2, 83.3; 3.54; Boveer, Detroit, 8-2, 80.0; 3.86; Kline, Cleveland, 11-3, 78.6; 3.61; Munsie, Baltimore, 13-4, 76.5; 2.94; Cone, Kansas City, 13-4, 76.5; 2.78; Sanderson, Chicago, 9-3, 72.7; 4.08.

STRIKEOUTS - Ruchman, Seattle, 159; Clemens, Boston, 148; Finley, California, 120; Appier, Kansas City, 120; Hentgen, Toronto, 116; Guzman, Toronto, 108; Aparicio, Chicago, 105.

SAVES - LeSmith, Baltimore, 30; Aguilera, Minnesota, 20; Montgomery, Kansas City, 18; Ederman, Oakland, 15; Ayala, Seattle, 14; Russell, Cleveland, 14; Gable, California, 13.

National League

BATTING - Torgny, San Diego, .386; Bagwell, Houston, .383; Morris, Cincinnati, .348; Justice, Atlanta, .337; Jeter, St. Louis, .335; Alou, Montreal, .328; Piazza, Los Angeles, .325.

RUNS - Bagwell, Houston, 79; Grissom, Montreal, 78; Galarraga, Colorado, 73; Lankford, St. Louis, 72; Biggio, Houston, 72; Bonds, San Francisco, 65; Torgny, San Diego, 65.

RBIs - Bagwell, Houston, 89; Bichette, Colorado, 88; Piazza, Los Angeles, 78; Galarraga, Colorado, 78; McWilliams, San Francisco, 74; Morris, Cincinnati, 73; Lankford, St. Louis, 68.

HITS - Torgny, San Diego, 129; Bichette, Colorado, 127; Morris, Cincinnati, 126; Galarraga, Colorado, 124; Bagwell, Houston, 118; Conine, Florida, 115; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 113; Alou, Montreal, 113; Biggio, Houston, 113.

HOME RUNS - McWilliams, San Francisco, 34; Bagwell, Houston, 28; Bonds, San Francisco, 28; Galarraga, Colorado, 26; McGriff, Atlanta, 25; Bichette, Colorado, 23; Mitchell, Montreal, 22.

STOLEN BASES - D'Sardes, Cincinnati, 32; Grissom, Montreal, 31; Biggio, Houston, 29; Carr, Florida, 26; D'Lewis, San Francisco, 25; Mouton, Houston, 22; Larkin, Cincinnati, 22.

PITCHING (10 Decisions) - Morlock, Atlanta, 8-2, 80.0; 3.58; Freeman, Colorado, 8-2, 80.0; 3.03; Kline, Montreal, 13-4, 78.5; 3.31; Driscoll, Philadelphia, 12-4, 75.0; 3.28; Schilling, New York, 10-4, 71.4; 2.92; Maddux, Atlanta, 12-5, 70.8; 1.75; Rijo, Cincinnati, 9-4, 69.2; 2.97.

STRIKEOUTS - Barnes, San Diego, 162; Rijo, Cincinnati, 128; Maddux, Atlanta, 125; P. Martinez, Montreal, 118; Pascero, Montreal, 115; Salomone, New York, 115; Glavine, Atlanta, 114.

SAVES - Diones, Philadelphia, 24; Beck, San Francisco, 21; Franco, New York, 21; McMichael, Atlanta, 19; Myers, Chicago, 18; Hudak, Houston, 18; Rojas, Montreal, 15; Wetteland, Montreal, 15.

Israel youth bowlers end Scottish tour on high note

SAM SKUDOWITZ

THE Israeli youth team ended its tour of Scotland Tuesday with a magnificent win over the Scottish under 25 team in the second Test played in Glasgow. This evens the Test series at 1-1.

Although each side won six games, Israel won the second Test by having a superior shot aggregate. Each member of the team contributed to this win and tension ran high in the final game. Israel's Roy Jennings, 16, kept his nerve in this deciding game to beat the Glasgow singles champion, Mark Campbell, 21-17.

Amir Yaron also had a great win, 21-18, over Jim Michel, whose record includes winning the Scottish under 25 singles.

On Monday, Assaf Iron, 17, caused a sensation in the first Test match when he convincingly beat the current Scottish singles champion, George Whitlow, 21-14. This follows on the earlier success in the Edinburgh open championships, when he reached the sixth round in a field of over 700.

Yair Bekier, Michael Stange and Itzik Sher all had significant wins during the tour.

The team returns Friday morning.

Golden State trades Marcilionis to Sonics



SEATTLE (AP) - When Sarunas Marcilionis played for the Golden State Warriors against the Seattle SuperSonics, it was hate at first sight.

He took a particular dislike to then Sonics center Benoit Benjamin.

"I can still feel him in my shoulder," Marcilionis said, referring to his frequent collisions with Benjamin.

Now, the 30-year-old native of Lithuania must get along with All-Stars like Shawn Kemp and Gary Payton of the Sonics.

Marcilionis is now a member of the Sonics, traded by Golden State with Byron Houston to Seattle on Monday. The newest Sonics were introduced to the media on Tuesday.

"When we played against them, it's no secret," Marcilionis said. "They hated me and I hated them. Now we have to hate somebody else together."

Personalities aside, Houston said he's happy he won't have to try to guard Kemp any more.

acquired in a trade that sent Ricky Pierce and the rights to first-round draft pick Carlos Rogers to the Warriors.

They were quick to allay any fears that Seattle fans might have about them.

Marcilionis told Seattle reporters that his right knee is OK and Houston told them not to worry about his lack of height.

Marcilionis didn't play last season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in a pickup game.

And he played in only 30 games two years ago because he broke his right leg and dislocated his right ankle while running.

In Marcilionis, the Sonics acquired a backup shooting guard for Kendall Gill. In Houston, they got a short but physical player who does not back down from defensive assignments.

Marcilionis averaged 14.7 points in the four seasons with Golden State. Houston, 25, played 71 games in his second season for the Warriors, averaging 12.2 minutes, 2.8 points and 2.7 rebounds. He was Golden State's eighth man.

Marcilionis said he planned to alter his game somewhat and become more of a shooter than a driver because the Sonics need outside shooting more than the Warriors did.

He said he expects to come off the bench and play 25 to 30 minutes a game.

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IDF fatal accidents on the rise in '94

DAN IZENBERG

THE rate of fatal accidents in the army is twice as high as last year, based on figures for the first half of 1994. IDF Manpower Branch head Maj.-Gen. Yoram Yair told the Knesset foreign affairs and defense committee yesterday.

According to the statistics, 16 soldiers have been killed in all types of accidents so far this year, compared with 17 for all of 1993 and 37 for all of 1992.

The suicide rate appears to be escalating at an even greater rate, said Yair. Twenty-eight soldiers committed suicide between January and June 1994, compared with 38 throughout 1993 and 22 in 1992.

Yair also told the committee the army was establishing a committee of independent specialists to improve communication with the families of accident victims. In light of the increasingly vocal at-

tacks by bereaved parents, MKs warned that the families of accident victims might come to actively hate the army.

Yair added that 12 soldiers died in the first half of 1994 in clashes in the security zone, Judea, Samaria and Gaza, and along the borders.

According to the army figures, four soldiers died in air accidents, three during army operations, one in a training accident, one in a weapons accident, six in traffic accidents and one who was crushed between a personnel carrier and a tank.

The army appears to be continuing its successful fight against training accidents. Last year, not a single soldier died in such accidents; one has died so far this year. In 1992, 10 soldiers died in training accidents.

Col. Shmuel Karon, head of the army's mental health department, told the committee that 22 of the soldiers who committed suicide (including one female) were regular soldiers, five belonged to the permanent force, and one was a reservist. The department, which investigated each of the suicides, determined that 10 of the soldiers suffered from personal stress and seven committed suicide as a direct result of their army service. No apparent reason was found in five of the cases and six others are still under investigation.

Five of the suicides were immigrants, including two from Ethiopia, two from the CIS and one from Brazil.

Karon said the army asked the immigrants to fill out question-

naires in their mother tongue regarding their psychological state but the immigrants "do not like to cooperate when it comes to personal and emotional issues." He added that the army lacked information on the medical histories of the immigrants as it had regarding the Israeli-born.

Yair also disclosed that immigrants served in battle units in the same proportion as the native-born population.

The IDF is in the process of establishing a committee to improve communications between the army and bereaved parents who have lost their children in accidents, Yair added.

Yair agreed with MKs, including committee chairman Ori Orr who said the IDF was faced with a new generation of parents with different attitudes toward the army than their predecessors.

Terner accuses Ben-Porat of gross negligence in her report

RAINE MARCUS

FORMER Police inspector-general Ya'acov Terner yesterday accused State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat of "gross negligence" in her report on whether Police Minister Moshe Shahal intervened in the police investigation of MK Aryeh Deri.

Terner said she had not examined information and evidence thoroughly before producing her report. He is asking to see the evidence Ben-Porat used in her investigation.

"The whole business was handled very superficially," Terner told *The Jerusalem Post*. "I am simply asking if Ben-Porat's treatment of the case only proves my point that I am right in requesting the information used in the report, which produced such serious conclusions."

Terner complained that Ben-Porat criticized him for meeting Labor Party Secretary-General Nissim Zivli to discuss a political career after his resignation from the police force, but had not criticized Shahal for offering him a position as mayor of Beersheba.

Ben-Porat accused him of lying regarding this issue.

In a letter sent to Ben-Porat yesterday reiterating his request for permission to examine all evidence

against him, Terner said the Beersheba issue merely strengthened his belief that the case had been treated with negligence.

"Ben-Porat could not have scrutinized all the material, otherwise she would have reached different conclusions," said Terner.

Terner also accused Shahal of firing him for trying to slow down the Deri investigation, while Shahal said he fired Terner because he was "incompetent."

Shahal, Terner added, had been asked for a reaction by Ben-Porat to Terner's claims.

"Did you pass on to Shahal my version of events?" Terner asked. "I wrote Terner. If so, he also has the right to see evidence."

Terner, who was accused of lying in Ben-Porat's report, is still seeking to clear his name. Ben-Porat accused Terner of falsely blaming Shahal for interfering in the Deri police investigation, and ruled that Shahal had been telling the truth.

Sources close to Terner said that if all alternative methods were exhausted, Terner will probably turn to the High Court of Justice to force Ben-Porat to allow him to examine evidence used for preparing the report.



Farmers demonstrate opposite the Knesset yesterday against the building of Route 6, the Trans-Israel Highway. (Schein/Hazari)

Rabin issues letter defending Sheves

Jerusalem Post Staff

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday sent a letter supporting the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, Shimon Sheves, to attorney Haim Salomon, the director of Amitai-Citizens for Good Government. The letter, released to the press by the Prime Minister's Office, came in response to a police complaint filed 11 days ago by Salomon accusing Sheves of impropriety by interfering with the police investigation of former interior minister Aryeh Deri. Some excerpts:

"Mr. Shimon Sheves is a conscientious, dedicated, talented, and loyal public servant, all of whose time is devoted to public service, and who is one of the superior directors-general in the Civil Service."

Your complaints as to the manner of Shimon Sheves's functioning are based on unreliable reports published at various times in the media, having no basis in fact. These complaints are unacceptable to me and I utterly reject them.

I have no shadow of a doubt that the activity of Shimon Sheves, as described in the State Comptroller's Report, was carried out in total innocence, out of an intention to assist and to advance the investigation...

In this context, it should be pointed out that the state comptroller herself did not ascribe to Shimon Sheves the intentions which you ascribe to him...

I as prime minister have complete confidence in him and in his work...

In conclusion, I cannot help but express my amazement that senior civil servants like Shimon Sheves, who work night and day in the service of the public... are forced to defend themselves in the face of defamation and smearing by the communications media and other elements. I greatly regret such ingratitude."

Woman stabbed during divorce hearing

A 23-year-old woman was stabbed by her husband during a divorce hearing yesterday in Haifa's Moslem religious court.

The man, 26, suddenly lunged at his wife and stabbed her several times with a sharp object. He then escaped from the court.

The woman was brought to Rambam Hospital where she is in serious condition.

Female security prisoner gets early release

RAINE MARCUS

A FEMALE security prisoner, Rabicha Shtai, 36, was released last night from Hasharon Prison after serving two-thirds of a five-year sentence.

Shtai, from eastern Jerusalem, was convicted in 1991 of illegal possession of weapons and membership in a hostile organization. In 1988 she also served a short term for security offenses.

There are 36 female security prisoners still held in Hasharon Prison. Faisal Hussein, who is campaigning for their release, visited them last week, but prison authorities stressed Shtai's release was not connected to his

visit. Shtai had claimed to be suffering from liver cancer and other serious ailments, but refused to be examined by either prison doctors or a family doctor.

Prison authorities have regularly stated that she is mentally disturbed.

Yesterday morning, an international Red Cross representative and a doctor visited her prior to her release and reported that she was in reasonable condition.

MKS Naomi Chazan and Yael Dayan are expected to visit with other female security prisoners in Hasharon Prison this morning.

Yosef meets Ger rebbe prompting rumors Shas is ready to rejoin coalition

HERB KEINON

SHAS mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef met earlier this week with Ger Rebbe Pinhas Menachem Alter, head of Agudat Yisrael's Council of Sages, in what was interpreted by some hardline politicians as a sign that Shas is on the verge of rejoining the coalition.

Yosef met three months ago with representatives of the Council of Sages and pledged to consult with them before Shas made any "major moves."

Neither rabbi made a statement after the meeting, held at Alter's Jerusalem home.

Although disagreeing with Shas

and its involvement with the government, Agudat Yisrael has been careful to keep its lines open with Yosef. This is in sharp contrast with Rabbi Eliezer Schach and the Degel Hatorah faction of the United Tora Judaism Party, which has cut all ties with Shas and which severely attacks the party on a regular basis in its daily *Yated Ne'eman*.

Schach is the moving force behind a drive to create a new Sephardi hardline political party, Emet, to challenge Shas at the polls in the next elections because of that party's involvement with the current government.

IDF to acquire 825 new trucks, buses

ALON PINKAS

THE IDF is to acquire 825 new US-made trucks and buses to replace its aging fleet of heavy and medium weight trucks. The total value of the deal is estimated at \$35 million, said OC Ordnance Corps Brig.-Gen. Ami Sagis yesterday.

A local firm, Merkavei Yisrael, won the lucrative tender for the assembly of the trucks and buses in its Nazareth factory. The US company, American Cars, will buy, as part of an offset deal, \$10 million worth of merchandise and parts in Israel.

The new trucks will replace the

20-year-old D-500 trucks the army has been using since it received US replenishment supplies after the Yom Kippur War. They have a 175-horsepower diesel engine, electronically controlled automatic transmission, and ABS.

Sagis said that five firms competed in the tender and the decision-making process took 14 months. He said many technical characteristics factored into the decisions: general quality, performance, human engineering, safety, total cost, spare parts cost, and time of delivery.

Woman, 28, stabbed to death outside capital's Old City

BILL HUTMAN

A 28-year-old mother of three was stabbed to death on a crowded eastern Jerusalem street yesterday afternoon.

Tagrid Diyab, from the Shufat Refugee Camp in north Jerusalem, was declared dead on the scene by Magen David Adom medics.

The police spokesman said that the investigation was centering around suspicions she was murdered for "dishonoring her family." He declined to elaborate.

Diyab was walking to the central bus station on Nabulus Road, just outside the Old City, when she was attacked from behind. The assailant stabbed her numerous times before fleeing.

"I heard screaming and shouting, and then turned to see her being stabbed," said one witness, who declined to give his name. Diyab was apparently walking alone at the time of the attack.

The 20cm knife used in the attack was found near the scene of the murder.

Police and Border Police set up roadblocks and searched for the attacker, but no suspects were detained. The police spokesman said family members of the victim would be interrogated in connection with the case.

Security exercise in South today

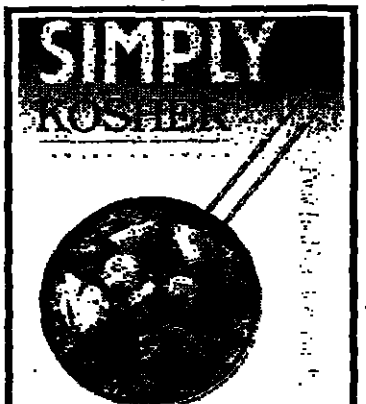
AMIR ROZENBLIT

SOME 4,000 security personnel are to participate in a full-day, wide-scale Israel Police security

exercise in the South today. The exercise is aimed at examining the functioning of the emergency units in the event of a terrorist attack.

Taking part in the exercise are units of the police southern district, the anti-terror unit, Border Police, Magen David Adom, firefighters, IDF, and hospital personnel.

Police Inspector-General Asaf Hefetz said he believes "the security challenges facing the nation obligate police to hold an exercise in order to accurately estimate how to handle such emergencies."



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